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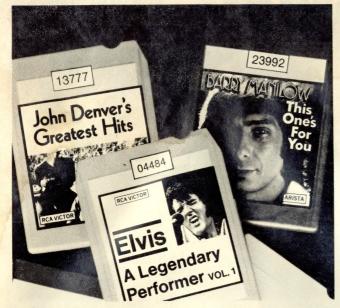
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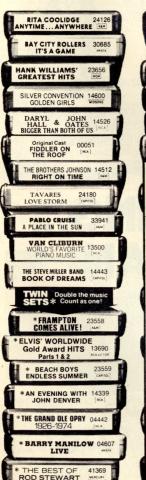
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Editor's Message

With this issue, GAMES marks its first anniversary of publication. It's been a delightful blur-this first year-and a most satisfying one for all of us at the magazine. Jean-Michel Folon's cover illustration of GAMES as a package-of-goodies-in-the-mailbox really says it all for us and expresses our warm greeting to readers everywhere.

You may have noticed (we certainly hope you've noticed) that we're dressed up for the occasion. Art Director Lillian Nahmias and Design Consultant Martin Moskof have given us a new logo, some freshly scrubbed department heads to match, and a bright, new typeface appropriately called Renaissance. Too, we are putting on a little weight in the form of extra pages, beginning with our next issue, already in preparation.

Our celebration begins with a special report on the First North American Scrabble Championships, including annotated play-by-play; an article on this year's (50th anniversary) running of the Calaveras County Frog Jumping Contest; and a Jungle Game in which you try to eat your opponent. But that's not all. We've culled the back issues for the kinds of features that have drawn the greatest response—the games that have made GAMES addictive—and we are re-presenting them with some interesting new wrinkles: a new Millionaire wordand-number contest, another Follow-the-Dots extravaganza, a new kind of Beguilers, a dozen real-life "What's Wrong With This Picture" fiascoes based on postage stamps, a Mappit identification quiz with a new "twist," and an Al Perlman encore, not to mention all the regular columns like Chess, Bridge, Backgammon, Eyeball Benders (this time contributed by the readers), Laundry Basket (again, alas, contributed by the editors)

Speaking of the Laundry Basket, we really pulled a beaut in the Snail's Pace Contest (May/June, page 23). We had meant to set the entry deadline at June 1 but inadvertently made it July 1, too late for the typesetter's deadline for this issue. (We should have known something like this would happen to a contest named Snail.) We'll print the results in the next issue.

And finally, to start our second year with a bang, we are throwing (for the first time anywhere?) a remote-control "bring-your-own" birthday party. You are cordially invited to attend page 41. RSVP!

Michael Donne

Michael Donner

Cake by Rosemary Littman

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Keep It Up

The cooperative game Squeamish you describe in your May/June Letters (bouncing a beach ball in the air as many times as possible with your head) is like a game our family has been playing for over 25 years, with two slight variations.

In our game, called Keep It Up, we use our hands as in volleyball, and no one person is allowed to hit the ball on two consecutive turns. You will find this much more challenging, as it gives many opportunities for great "saves" as well as a better chance for a reasonably respectable score.

We have played Keep It Up on the beaches, in the water, on picnics, at campgrounds, and a few times in the rain and once even in deep snow. On a family get-together for my mother's 80th birthday, eight of her sons and grandchildren went out around midnight, under the spotlight, and finally managed to Keep It Up 82 times.

Our record over the 25 years or so we've been playing it is 417, although we are quite pleased with any score over 30.

John Ferguson Silver Spring, MD

Outside the Game Factory

Several years ago I teamed up with several very talented men to start a game inventing company. We created over twenty-five models of games and toys, and this year we started to contact the toy companies. I didn't think we would have a problem selling our ideas. I must have written over forty letters to different companies. Most of them wouldn't even write back. The few that did answer were not interested. I read your article about how a game is manufactured ("Inside a Game Factory," January/February, page 6), but I still wonder, how does one get to show what one has to offer?

Raymond D'Ambrosio Lombard, IL

See the review of Design and Sell Toys, Games & Crafts on page 57 of this issue.

The Sky's the Limit

Could your future issues also encompass such sky-blue topics as: the theory of games and puzzles, the ethics or non-ethics of games, guidelines of successful games, a history of games in different cultures at different times including the effect of games upon that culture's development, the purposes of games, games as a pastime vs. games as a device of mankind to perpetuate the myth of his control over his life and environment?

You don't have to do this all at once, before the end of 1978 would be sufficient.

Jim Floyd Baltimore, MD

Buzkashi

I just read the letter (July/August) condemning the "Buzkashi" article in your March/April issue. That article was fantastic and on the strength of it I subscribed to your magazine. I expect to be reading more about unusual games from around the world, well described and photographed. That's why I subscribed.

So please more like Buzkashi

Mike Goodlife Manitoba, Canada

Spiteful #13

I wish I had had previous notice of "A Spiteful U.S. Geography Quiz" (July/August, page 17) as I would like to have suggested Question #13, as follows:

What state is entirely surrounded by states, yet some part of that state is north of some part of each adjacent state?

Edw. H. Robertson Long Beach, CA

Answer Drawer, page 64

Great Signers All?

Edith Rudy's "July 4, 1776" (July/August, page 36) was great fun. We especially enjoyed finding the names of people who weren't supposed to be hidden there. We found Virginia DARE, the pirate TREAT, the producer PAPP, the painter MONET, Jane EYRE, the carmaker DODGE, and the inventor WATT, along with some people we didn't know: FREED, HALL, THOR, CHAN, KENNETH, and LISA. Oddly enough, we also found EDITH (in the lower left) and RUDY (in the lower right)!

The Lee Family Larchmont, NY

Warmed By Warmup

Until I looked through your July/August issue of GAMES, I thought that your "Crosswords à l'Anglaise" were just something beyond my comprehension. Whoever thought of putting the "Warmup Puzzle" (page 25) in the issue should be awarded a gold medal! I was thrilled at how good I was at it, and amused by the clues and answers. I'm not such a dumb klutz after all!

Harriet McNee California, MD

Readers Reply

Several readers have responded to Leslie Lynell's plea (''Can You Help,'' May/June Letters) for information about a miniature brass croquet set. The 13-piece set (7 wickets, 3 balls, and 3 mallets) can be ordered by mail for \$3.00 (postpaid) from the Federal Smallwares Co., 85 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003.—Ed.

Boris

My husband is interested in a chess computer named "Boris," but he doesn't know where to locate one. We were wondering if you might be able to find out for us.

> Mrs. C.J. Tammarine San Marcos, CA

BORIS is available from Chafitz, Inc., of Rock-ville, MD. To find out what stores in your area carry Boris, call toll-free 800-638-8280. Boris sells for around \$300 and is advertised as being able to beat Fidelity Electronics' Chess Challenger (March/April Game Chest, page 43). Our experience substantiates this claim; for while Chess Challenger seems to play better in the opening, Boris makes up for this in the middle game and goes on to win. However, the new Chess Challenger "10" may change all that.—Ed.

Senet

Thumbing through your May/June issue, I saw your senet layout (page 10). I thought "Aha!" Then I dug up a piece of veneer paneling, cut out the diagram from your magazine, and glued it to the piece of veneer. On the back I glued the instructions.

Now I have a very fine senet board, and the other pieces which I made from scraps—and free! Thank you.

Roger Martin Cripple Creek, CO

I enjoyed reading "Senet—An Ancient Egyptian Game of Passing Through The Netherworld," by Timothy Kendall. His research of the history of the game was thorough and most impressive.

Mr. Kendall has described an interesting game, but in my opinion, it is not senet. Although his theory regarding the passage through the netherworld is correct, the rules, at least in part, seem to belong to another ancient Egyptian game which is on the other side of the board discovered in King Tut's tomb, a war game called T'au. Senet was known as a race game and was played with ten pieces.

Today, there are already about five modern interpretations of senet on the market. Each uses different hieroglyphics or symbols, and indeed there seems to be little consistency in the hieroglyphics that appear on senet boards, tomb scenes, and papyrus scrolls. I helped develop one of these versions for Conceptual Games. Our interpretation is based on the religious text of the Book of Gates and on basic game rules devised by Gustave Jéquier, a Swiss archaeologist. Play is similar to Backgammon, but with emphasis on luck rather than skill. Players compete to be the first to remove all of their pieces from the board.

Play begins with all ten pieces placed alternately on row one. Pieces are moved by tossing throw sticks, as in Mr. Kendall's game. After all pieces have been moved into rows 2 and 3, a piece may be removed from the board

by landing exactly on square 30-where resides Anubis, a protector god of the everlasting. The cobra goddess, Uatchit, square 26, guards the mysterious door to the west (to rebirth). Horus, square 28, and Re, square 29, offer double sanctuary—places to rest in the safety of the body of Nut, the sky goddess, prior to rebirth. Square 27, Hapi, the Nile god, represents hazard, and a player landing there must return to square 1.

Of course no one will ever know for sure how the ancient game of senet was played. Possibly there were several versions.

> Charles Carder Manhattan Beach, CA

TIMOTHY KENDALL REPLIES: I agree with Mr. Carder that the game of senet was probably played much as it was devised back in 1930 by Gustave Jéquier, whose rules have been accepted in toto by Mr. Carder. In my game, as finally published, I, too, found myself largely convinced by Jéquier and opted for a race-game interpretation. I must point out, however, that the evidence is far from clear and certainly not decisive. There are, for ex-(continued on page 58)

LAUNDRY BASKET

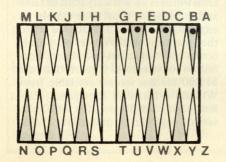
★ In Prince Joli Kansil's May/June Backgammon column (page 46), he states that in Diagram 1 Red should play a double two roll by moving GE CA3. Although CA3 does agree with the first of his listed priorities, GE only meets the third priority whereas EC would meet the second priority. Therefore, the correct move should be EC CA3 according to his own rules of priority, which are excellent. This can also be confirmed by exact computation; Red gains two extra chances.

Roger Richards State College, PA

It's almost a toss-up, but Mr. Richards is correct. The two choices were analyzed by computer, and the results are as follows: with either choice you will bear off all remaining men in three rolls 2% of the time and in four rolls or less, 22% of the time. However, by spreading you will bear off with five rolls 68% of the time, whereas by clearing the 6point you will bear off within five rolls only 63% of the time.

There are cases though where the third priority supersedes the second priority. In the example below, the roll is 5-2. The right play is to bear off from the 5-point and clear the 6-point, since you can then bear off from the 4-point even if you throw a 6 or 5

-Prince Joli Kansil





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In recent years, the game has begun to attract a following in the West. Thanks to The Shogi Association, its director George Hodges, and the magazine *Shogi*, the English-speaking world now has access to analyses of current professional games, articles on opening theory, and much more.

The Association has also promoted interest in Middle Shogi, a chess variant played on a 12 × 12 board with 92 pieces (29 different types), including exotic Phoenixes, Blind Tigers, Drunk Elephants, and Flying Oxen. A number of even larger variants (the largest played on a board of 25 × 25!) had long been extinct until revived by the Association.

Shogi sets and information about the game can be obtained by writing to The Shogi Association, P.O. Box 77, Bromley, Kent, United Kingdom. U.S. subscription rates for *Shogi* magazine are £4.40 surface mail and £7.90 airmail for one year (six issues).

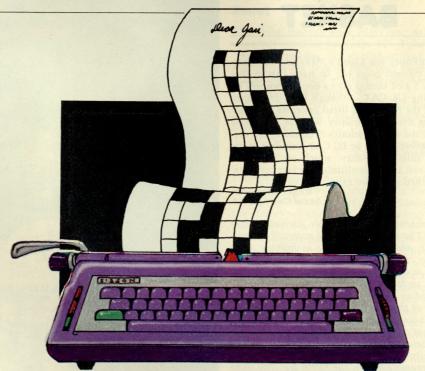
-R.W.S.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

When did a deck of cards save a sailing ship? When the captain of a Yankee clipper, bringing Irish immigrants to America in the nineteenth century, found himself faced not only with winter gales, but also with an uncooperative crew. His only hope was to man the ship with his passengers, but they knew nothing about sailing. So the captain marked every line with a different playing card and gave a station to each of his newly recruited passenger-crew. Red cards were positioned fore and black cards aft; hearts and clubs were starboard, diamonds and spades larboard. Though the passengers didn't know a jib sail from a mizzen sail, they could certainly understand what to do when ordered to haul down the King of spades. And they arrived safely in America, thanks to the deck on deck.

- Rosemary Rhea





HOW TO CONSTRUCT CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Crossword puzzlemakers used to keep pretty much to themselves, with personal correspondence being about their only means of communication. Today these lords of deception and torment are trading their secrets via CWP: A Newsletter for Crossword Puzzle Constructors. It is an instructive, unpretentious newsletter providing tips on how to make crossword (and related) puzzles and the latest news on where to sell them. (Alas, as

puzzlesmiths well know, creating crosswords is an unlikely road to fame and wealth; for most it is simply an engaging avocation.) Scattered amid the features are reviews of puzzle books and magazines and letters from fellow constructors. Subscriptions are \$12.00 for ten issues, available from William J. Harrison Enterprises, P.O. Box 6366, San Rafael, CA 94903. A sample copy can be ordered for \$1.00.

- Will Shortz

John Alan Rennie

OTHELLO COMPETITION

The Second Annual International Othello competition opens this September with contests in thirty-five U.S. cities. Winners will advance to regional playoffs on October 14. A week later, four finalists will meet in Washington, D.C., to vie for the U.S. title. Carol Jacobs, the current champion (March/April, page 6), will have to defend her title by starting from scratch at the local level in Ohio.

Champions from Canada, England, the Philippines, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and Japan (home of 1977 World Champion Hiroshi Inoue) and the U.S. winner will then gather in New York City on October 30 to play for the world title.

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DING TWO DING DONG FIVE BIZZ BUZZ

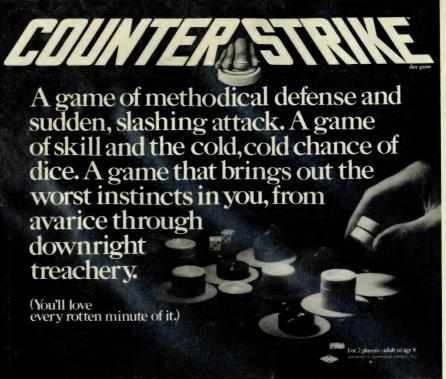
Buzz is a numbers game for anywhere from three to twenty people. The object of the game is to count from 1 to 100 (or even higher if you dare), substituting a sound for a specified number, and its multiples.

First decide on the buzz number. Generally, the number 7 is chosen, though any number at all will work depending on how many players you have. (You wouldn't want your buzz number to be the same as the number of people playing.)

Each player in turn counts off one number (movement is generally in a clockwise direction). The first player says one, the second two, and so on. When the count reaches the number 7, the player whose turn it is must say buzz instead. The next player continues by saying eight, and so forth until a multiple of 7 or a number containing a 7 is reached. Thus, since 14 is a multiple of 7, that player must say buzz instead of the number, and since 17 contains a 7, it too calls for a buzz.

Once the group is able to count and buzz at the appropriate times, a second number is introduced. For example, 6 (and therefore 12, 16, etc.) become bizz. Naturally, 42 is a bizzbuzz. As the group masters the bizzbuzz sequence, number properties can be introduced. For example, any prime number might be a ding, or any square number a dong.

If the group wants to further explore the chaos of it all, a rule can be added that whenever a player says ding (or whatever) the direction reverses, and the game continues counterclockwise until the next ding is —B.D.K. reached. Ding!



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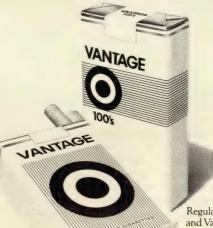
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here are Scrabble players and there are Scrabble Players. Most of us, dusting off the set so we can drop a few double word scores on dotty old Aunt Shirley, couldn't even carry the dictionaries of the sixty-four contestants in the first North American Invitational Scrabble Tournament. At New York's Summit Hotel (May 19-21), it was clear that in terms of relative Scrabble prowess, we poor duffers are sardines, and those guys are Jaws

Not that I was entirely unfamiliar with that distinction. In the Summit elevator, on my way to the first day's play, I was reminded of an earlier experience. In the spring of 1973, slightly inebriated, I wandered into a games emporium on New York's Upper West Side. After chatting with an unassuming-looking young man for a while, I accepted his challenge to play a friendly game of Scrabble for "coffee house" stakes. The rules were simple. Twenty minutes a piece on a chess clock (your time starts when your opponent finishes his move); any word could be challenged—if the word is good (according to Funk & Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary) the challenger loses his turn; if no good the one playing the word withdraws his tiles and loses his turn. As we drew the opening tiles, my opponent casually mentioned a small fact he had omitted earlier. He had memorized all the two- and three-letter words in Funk &

rounds. In the uproar that followed, the able and good-natured Joel Skolnick, who directed the tournament, effected a compromise that placated the cantankerous players: the schedule would be extended and as many games as could be played would be. (Sixteen were eventually squeezed in.) The only solution more satisfactory to the hopelessly addicted players, who would retire after each day to play more Scrabble in the halls, on the floor, or in convenient lavatories, would have been to eliminate meals and rest.

Some interesting notes about the players: they ranged in age from twenty-four to eightytwo. The youngest, Steve Williams, a Harvard graduate, finished 11th, and achieved recognition as the speediest player: his first-round game lasted seven minutes. The oldest, Ethel Sherard, of Los Angeles and Chicago, is a qualities of Scrabble, she could have been a young sixty-five.

grandmother and world traveler who finished 61st. A living testament to the rejuvenating The players seemed to be of two camps.

by Joe Schick

Wagnalls and "most of the fours." My alcoholsodden brain dimly began to recognize the scam—I had been lured into a Scrabble sting.

My opponent drew first blood with SOZINES for 102 points. I challenged. (Funk & Wagnalls, page 1283: "Sozine n., any protein normally contained in the body of an animal and forming a natural protection against germs.") He went again: JODPHUR, 60 points. The score was 162 to Obefore I played DUMP for 18 points. I was mildly unsettled, but suffered in silence. I'd never seen a bingo (a play that uses all seven tiles) and he had three of them. As I recall, my ultimate humiliation was in the neighborhood of 630-250 points, or roughly four dollars. The game took eighteen minutes.

My sly opponent could have been any of the people in the Summit elevator, trading sevenletter anagrams (pickets=skeptic, gyrated= tragedy) while contemplating first prize (\$1500) in the Selchow & Righter sponsored tournament. Selchow & Righter manufactures Scrabble and they are a fiercely independent lot whose trademark protection extends to insisting that Scrabble be called "Scrabble® Brand Crossword Game!" It seemed as though most players were quite happy to call it Scrabble. Still, the widespread popularity of the game is undeniable, and if the

company's representatives seemed congenially confused most of the time (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Selchow, who attended, observed the proceedings as if they had a horse in the Kentucky Derby), open rebellion only flared once during the three day competition.

It seems that the tournament staff underestimated the time it would take to make pairings after each round, and at the end of the first day suggested that play be shortened from eighteen to fifteen

The New Yorkers and the Californians—tough, experienced, and hard-core—came to win. The others, like Irene Osborne (Philadelphia, 54th), Hildagard Powell (Buffalo Gap, Texas, 58th), came because they love Scrabble; although they were all winners in their own localities they came a cropper against the coastal giants, who have been known to sleep with four-, five-, and seven-letter word lists to sharpen their "Dictionary Knowledge." And the ladies from Minnesota! Although they seemed to enjoy themselves mightily, Dolores Stoll (64th and last) and her compatriots from the North Star State, were fodder for the upper brackets. In fact, 5th place finisher Charles Goldstein publicly thanked them.

Of course, Scrabble players are a heterogeneous lot. From truck drivers to physics professors, they are a uniformly amiable group whose preeminent pleasure seems to be the endless recounting of the bingo that got away and other Scrabble stories.

As play began on Friday, the tournament room took on an air of predictably verbose intensity. The silence was punctuated only by the sound of tiles clacking on the deluxe Scrabble boards and the sharp moves of the staff as endless challenges were submitted (SMA? nope; DECOCTED? okay). Most players seemed to remember that "QUORTESY is QUIET," as the sign stated, although an occasional point of order developed. One problem was glare on the board, alluded to by a player as the single cause for his defeat; a more serious charge was the inevitable cheating scandal involving a false blank tile and a hidden s. The disruptions were relatively minor, however, and play progressed with players receiving three match points for a victory, one match point for each fifty game points, and another match point for each fifty game points in the margin of victory. Bizarre words (AEROLITE, KAOLIANG, TWANKY) abounded, triple-triples (ROOSTERS, EN-ERGIZERS) astonished; and phonies according to Funk & Wagnalls (HENCH, DEFAT) snuck by as the wheat began to kiss off the chaff.

By Sunday, when the final three matches were played, the elusive combination of dictionary knowledge, strategy, and luck had left about eight players bunched near the top. Smart money was on Mike Senkiewicz (New York City) who calls himself a "professional" games player and who often writes on Scrabble. In a critical match, Senkiewicz played Shazzi Felstein (9th place finisher), who along with Linda Gruber (4th) and Janet Smith (16th), exemplifies the Virginia Slims side of Scrabble. In the small but incestuous subculture of Scrabble romance, Felstein occupies

Scrabble Blow-by-Blow

by R. Wayne Schmittberger

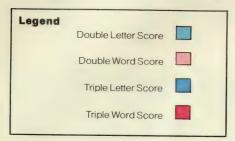
he following annotated game was played in the seventh round of the tournament (see page 11) between two Californians—Jerold Lowenstein of San Francisco, eventual twenty-second place finisher, and Charles Goldstein of Berkeley, who finished fifth. The game illustrates a number of interesting points of strategy and is

very well-played, particularly in view of the twenty minute time limit per player that was in effect. At each play are given the tiles in the rack, the word played, the location of the play (keyed to the coordinates shown alongside the gameboard in the diagrams on these pages), the point value of the play, and the player's cumulative score after making the play. Tiles

already in place when the play was made are underlined in the word played.

Some readers may wish to uncover the play and commentary only after deciding what they would have done with each

The word authority in the tournament was Funk & Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary (1973 edition).



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DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

JEROLD LOWENSTEIN

$\begin{array}{c|c} PACK \\ \hline D_2 & F_4 & G_2 & H_4 & O_1 & R_1 & U_1 \end{array}$

WORD LOCATION SCORE ROUGH 8H-L 26

DOUGH is better, as it is worth two more points and uses up a higher-point tile, thus improving chances of playing a bingo (a play that uses all seven tiles in the rack, scoring a fifty point bonus). Since higher-point tiles occur with lower frequency in English words, it is easiest to make a bingo with seven one-point tiles. Most players would score many more bingos if they were to concentrate on getting rid of high-point tiles quickly, breaking up pairs of tiles, and maintaining a good balance of vowels and consonants in their racks.

² A₁ D₂ F₄ L₁ R₁ S₁ Y₄

FAD 10F-H + 25 = 51 This play scores well while furthering the strategic objective of getting rid of high-point tiles. These factors compensate for the uncomfortable "leave" containing no vowel but Y. (Diagram 1)

³ A₁ E₁ L₁ R₁ S₁ V₄ Y₄

SLAVERY 11H-N + 81 = 132 A better spot for this word is M8-14, scoring more points and making it difficult for a seven-letter bingo to be placed on the board. Playing at M8-14 would be bad if the X were not already out, since the risk of the counterplay AX or OX N9-10 would be too great.

⁴ A₁ B₃ D₂ E₁ M₃ N₁ Y₄

BARMY 4K-O + 32 = 164 Excellent play, getting rid of the three highest-point tiles in the rack while making points. The opening of the triple word scores O1 and O8 may allow a good counterplay, but a triple-triple (O1-8) is unlikely with a Y in the fourth position. (Diagram 2)

D₂ E₁ N₁ O₁ O₁ T₁ V₄

DEVOTION 13E-L + 67 = 231
The easiest way to find bingos such as this is to try forming common endings such as -ERS, -IER, ING, -TION, -IEST, -ATE, etc. It is then not too hard to try various combinations with the remaining tiles. Also, some players memorize certain frequent tile combinations, for example: ANTIES + A = ENTASIA; + B = BASINET; etc.

CHARLES GOLDSTEIN

RACK

A, E, E, I, K, P, X,

WORD LOCATION SCORE
KEX 9G-I 46

A large play that illustrates why the first player should try to avoid placing a vowel on G8, I8, H7, or H9, too often a high-point tile can be placed on the adjacent double-letter square to make words in two different directions. Because the letter X occurs in so many two-letter words, it can in most games be played so that it scores four times, as here. For this reason, it is the best single tile to hold except for the two blanks.

A, A, E, E, I, I, P,

pass AEII + 0 = 46 Passing is certainly correct, but it may have been better to pass all seven tiles to improve the chances of picking up a blank, which nearly always yields a bingo early in the game. If he wanted to save the P for a possible two-way play at 17 (an idea of dubious merit), then it would have been more consistent to keep an I for H7.

3 A, E, P, R, R, S, T,

PARTERS M2-8 + 80 = 126
Taking advantage of his opponent's failure to play here, Goldstein tries a "phony" bingo and brings the score almost even when his opponent, afraid of losing a turn if the word turned out to be acceptable, fails to challenge. PRATERS was a legitimate bingo that could have been played, and Goldstein probably saw it but was not sure that it was good.

⁴ A₁ I₁ I₁ M₃ O₁ O₁ Z₁₀

ZAMIA

J10-14

+ 38 = 164

MAZY 01-4 is worth sixteen more points but leaves
the horrible IIOO in the rack. The main reason to prefer MAZY is that it is better to use the most dangerous spot on the board than to open up a new one
when holding bad tiles, since it is all too likely that
the opponent may be able to play at both spots.

5 A, D, E, I, N, O, O,

ANODE 5G-K + 20 = 184 Having no good play on any of the open triple word scores (DENY 01-4 would leave too may vowels), Goldstein opens up still another triple in the hopes of being able to make some big plays later on to catch up. Playing off as many tiles as possible should be given high priority when blanks are still out. (Diagram 3)

JEROLD LOWENSTEIN

RACK

CESTI 15H-L is better.

A, D, E, F, L, S, T,

SCORE

WORD LOCATION
FLAYED 01-6

FLAYED O1-6 + 39 = 270
This is an interesting alternative to FASTED 15H-M, which scores eleven more points and uses up the more dangerous of the two triple-word score openings. FLAYED could be criticized if J15 were the only good S-spot; but if his opponent plays there now, Lowenstein should be able to make a good score with a vertical word through M13.

7 E, E, H, L, S, T, T,

EH 14E-F + 29 = 299
As on the previous turn, the existence of two good
S-spots makes it less urgent to take either one of
them. EH has some defensive value, as it makes it
impossible for a bingo ending in S to be played off
ZAMIA.

6 C₃ E₁ I₁ L₁ S₁ T₁ T₁
LIST 15H-K + 29 = 328

A, C, E, E, T, O, U,

pass ACETOU + 0 = 328
The correct strategy here is to begin blocking potential bingo spots, since it is doubtful that his opponent can win without playing one. Both COOEE 2F-J
(the cry of the Australian aborigine) and CURE 3F-J
(not CORE, leaving an S-hang at 3E) would be good defensive plays, after which the only really worrisome bingo spot would be 6A-H.

A, E, E, I, N, O, P3

NEAP 012-15 + 24 = 352 Better than NAPE because it is more obscure and could draw a challenge, though unlikely considering the vocabulary levels in this tournament. NOPE would have left a better vowel combination in the rack, however. In general, L, O, and U are the worst one-point tiles to hold for the purpose of making a bingo, though a U should be kept late in the game if the Q has not yet appeared.

E, E, I, I, O, W, U,

EWE 11-3 + 28 = 380 Other plays also leave miserable tiles in the rack, and this makes too many points to consider passing. (Diagram 5)

12 I, I, O, T, T, U,

TIE 6K-M + 8 = 388
Breaking up both doubles is a good idea, and holding the blank seems to assure victory while giving some chance of scoring more than 450, thus earning an extra match point.

E, I, I, O, T, U

CUTIE A6-10 + 21 = 409
Probably better than challenging unless certain that
CLOURING is no good, since Goldstein can now
win only by going out with a play worth eight or more
points. No play by Goldstein (except going out) can
now prevent Lowenstein from going out on his next

turn.

14

1, 0,

1 Oll

B3-6

+ 3 = 412
+ 6

There are better plays, but none that affects the number of match points earned by either player. Goldstein is left with a C, the value of which (3) is, under tournament rules, doubled and added to Lowenstein's score.

(Diagram 6)

CHARLES GOLDSTEIN

either of these plays

E, I, I, O, T, W, W

WORD LOCATION SCORE

pass all 7 + 0 = 184

Goldstein misses WITEN H1-5, a form of the archaic
verb "to wit," and also WOW 12D-F. Passing is not
unreasonable, though, considering that time shortage may have been a factor in his failure to find

7 B₃ I₁ I₁ N₁ O₁ Q₁₀

Q OIN 15A-E. + 46 = 230 Except in the end game, it is unusual to use a blank for a play that is not a bingo. Here there is no good alternative to Q OIN; but if any tile other than Q were held, the blank should not be played except as part of a bingo. If only low-scoring Q plays were available, the correct play would be to pass, retaining the blank and possibly IN.

B₃ E₁ G₂ I₁ J₈ O₁ R₁

BORING H1-6 + 30 = 260 (Diagram 4)

E, J, L, N, R, U, W,

WYE N10-12 + 17 = 277 WU is one of the worst possible two-letter combinations for bingo purposes, and Goldstein correctly breaks it up. This would be a bad play if all the Ms and Hs had not already been played, as a huge counterplay might otherwise be made at O12-15. Keeping track of outstanding tiles is an important element of strategy.

A, J, L, N, O, R, U,

JA G2-3 + 22 = 299
JOURNAL is in the rack but cannot be put anywhere. JURA 11C-F may be a better play, as it might divert the opponent from blocking the top of the board for another turn. True, the opponent may have the other blank and be about to play a bingo at the top himself; but in that case the game will probably be lost anyway.

I, L, N, O, R, S, U

SUN M13-15 + 32 = 331 SOL in the same place preserves the IN for possible use with the G on H6, but U is not a very good bingo

12 C₃ I, L, N, O, R, U,

CLOURING 6A-H + 67 = 398
This would be a good play even if it were not a word, as it puts a lot of pressure on the opponent. An incorrect challenge would lose the game, while permitting the word still retains good winning chances.

13

GRIT E5-8 + 10 = 408
This leaves two places to go out, COX I7-9 and CARE 3F-1, and Goldstein's only chance to win is that Lowenstein will not be able to go out, after which COX may be enough to win.

R. Wayne Schmittberger was the official commentator at the tournament, and he is the Associate Editor of GAMES.

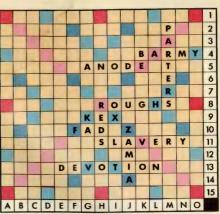


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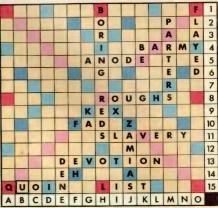


DIAGRAM 4



DIAGRAM 5



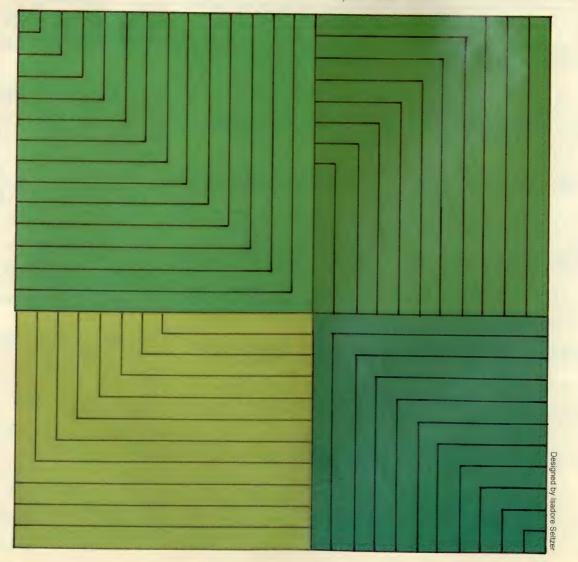
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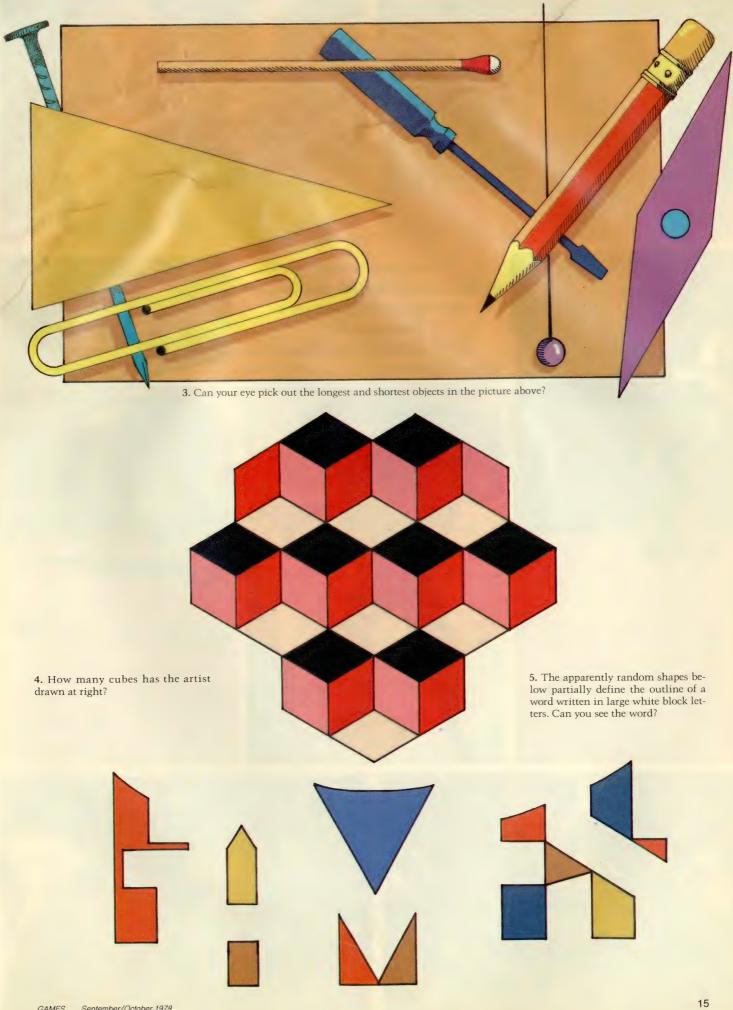
Beguilers

The artist has engaged in some visual trickery here.
Can you see through his sleight of pen?
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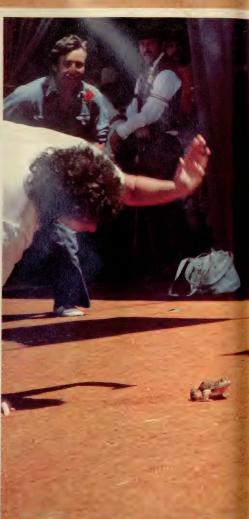






Frog psychology is as yet an uncharted discipline; no one is really certain just exactly how to motivate them.









hotos by Joanne Harruff

Jumping Jubilee

2,500 Frogs Fail to Set New Record

by Andy Meisler

onsider, dear readers, the frog. He is an inscrutable beast, and slippery. Prone to sudden bursts of bounding, he'd as soon hold his ground as leap on cue.

But what of it? These very qualities, harnessed by the good citizens of Angels Camp, California, have provided a half century of sporting competition. The famed Calaveras Frog Jump was held for the fiftieth consecutive year this spring; all indications are that this traditional American contest—inspired by a tall tale and run strictly on whimsy—will continue for many more years to come.

The event was inspired by Mark Twain's famous short story. In 1865, young Sam Clemens was living in a cabin in the heart of the Mother Lode Gold Rush country. An Angels Camp old-timer named Russ Coon spun him an interesting yarn; it seemed that a local gambler named Coleman would bet on anything—even on the jumping abilities of neighborhood bullfrogs. Clemens wrote in his notebook: "Coleman with his jumping frog-bet stranger \$50-stranger had no frog and C got him one-in the meantime stranger filled C's frog full of shot and he couldn't jump. The stranger's frog won.'

"The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County"—the story of Smiley the gambler and his prodigious frog Dan'l Webster—became an American classic, and Twain's career was launched. Organized frog-jumping as we know it, however, did not begin in earnest until 1928.

This year's celebration—a four-day affair held in an open-air fairground and attended by 45,000 fans—bore little resemblance to the inaugural jump-off. "We held it," recalls "Whisker Bill" Collins, a ninety-one-year-old resident uni-

versally credited with jumping the very first frog, "to celebrate the first paving of Main Street. If I remember correctly [and he does], we jumped 'em on a table set in the lobby of the old Angels Hotel. The people were set so close around, though, that frogs couldn't jump but once."

The world's record, set by "E. Davey Croakett" in 1976, is twenty feet three inches.

The winning jump that year was three feet eight inches. The next year's event was held on Main Street; so large were the crowds by 1938 that Frogtown—the present site—was built. After some subdued celebrations during World War II (to save gas and rubber, only horse- and wagon-borne spectators were admitted) the Jubilee has grown to its present eminence, with a mammoth tournament the third weekend each May, blanket media coverage, and semi-serious competitors (2,500 this year) from around the world.

The rules of modern frog-jumping are strict. Toads are *not* eligible, nor are amphibians measuring less than four inches from head to butt. Each contestant, encouraged by its "jockey," is allowed three consecutive jumps from a launching area the size of a lily pad. The total distance traveled in the three jumps is recorded by eagle-eyed judges; the world's record, set by "E. Davey Croakett" in 1976, is twenty feet three inches.

Strategy? It's a bit vague. Since jockeys can't touch the frogs once they're off the pad, selection and preparation are the keys. "Big frogs can't jump," says Denny

Metasci, E. Davey Croakett's owner, "so forget about anything over five and a half inches long." "Only pick ones that'll jump in a straight line," says Tom Beatty, whose "Bandit I" jumped twenty feet four inches in a non-scoring preliminary heat this year. "Keep 'em cool, then get 'em warm just before they're ready to jump," says Doug Offenheiser, whose 'Green Eyes' took the 1977 crown. "Yes, vitamins have been tried," admitted a contestant who wished to remain anonymous. "They mashed up a pill, dissolved it in water, and fed it to the frog through an eye dropper. The frog took one mighty leap and then, well ... he croaked.

Such cold-blooded experimentation is rare. Contrary to popular belief, contestants are not fried after the finals; indeed, most are captured a few days before the competition and returned to the bulrushes soon after. Even the champions are let loose. "The frogs give us a lot of fun," says Denny Metasci, "so it's the least we can do to put them back."

While in captivity, though, entrants are treated with the utmost earnestness. Most serious handlers come supplied with specially constructed, thermometer-equipped carrying cases. For better traction, the frogs' paws are dipped in warm water shortly before post time. It's the mark of a novice to place a frog on the pad: the ten-year veterans know enough to drop their frog from a height of three feet, thump the ground with their (not the frogs') hands, and pursue their entrant horizontally until the third jump is completed. Frog psychology is as yet an uncharted discipline; no one is really certain just exactly how to motivate them. "I do know," says Tom Beatty, "that male and female frogs have pretty

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Millionaire II



FIRST PRIZE: CT-500 Electronic Calculator and Digital Watch from Sharp Electronics
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Those loyal readers who have been with GAMES from the start will no doubt remember the original Millionaire contest (Sept./Oct. 1977, page 21) as one of the most dastardly deeds in the history of the magazine. And those who've joined us in the meantime and know of it only by its ill repute will surely shudder at its very mention. But we just can't restrain ourselves. Despite popular demand never to do it again, we present herewith the even more dastardly Millionaire II.

In Millionaire I, number values were assigned to the letters of the alphabet in the order of A=1, B=2, and so on, down to Z=26, and contestants tried to find words whose letters—when converted to numbers and multiplied out—produced a score as close as possible to one million (1,000,000). Despite our cocky prediction that no one would even come close to the target number, several words were submitted that did, in fact, hit a million squarely on the nose (January/February 1978, page 18).

Most assuredly this will not be the case in Millionaire II, for we've turned the alphabet upside down (so that Z=1, Y=2, and so on, up to A=26), which coincidently makes the number

values a lot harder to work with. Thus there's no predicting what the winning score will be, and that's the only thing we're sure of. Here's how to play:

1. Assign numbers to the letters of the alphabet as follows:

- **2.** Then think of a word. Let's take WAY and SURE as examples.
- **3.** Now, replace the letters of your word with the number values given in step 1. In the case of the above exam-

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ples, WAY would be 4-26-2, and SURE would be 8-6-9-22.

4. Finally, multiply out all the numbers in your word to determine its official value. The product of WAY (4x26x2) would be 208, and that of SURE (8x6x9x22) would be 9,504.

The object of the contest is to find a single word that produces a score as close as possible to one million (1,000,000). That may seem like a big number, but you'd be surprised how quickly the score mounts up. In fact, some 5-letter words, many 6-letter words, and most 7-letter words far surpass that amount. Try FACED, for example. That's 6,630,624! (A pocket calculator is a big help but not essential.) Any single unabbreviated word recognized by Webster's Third New International Dictionary (Unabridged) is acceptable. There are no other restrictions: plurals, verb forms, alternative spellings, hyphenated words, contractions, words with capital letters, and so on, are all fair game, provided they're listed. Entries must reach us by October 2, 1978. Winners and their words will be announced in the January/February 1979 issue. The closest score to 1,000,000 wins, regardless of whether that score is greater or less than 1,000,000. In the event of a tie, the word (from among those tying) that comes first in alphabetical order wins; and if we receive multiple entries with the same winning word, the earliest postmark wins.

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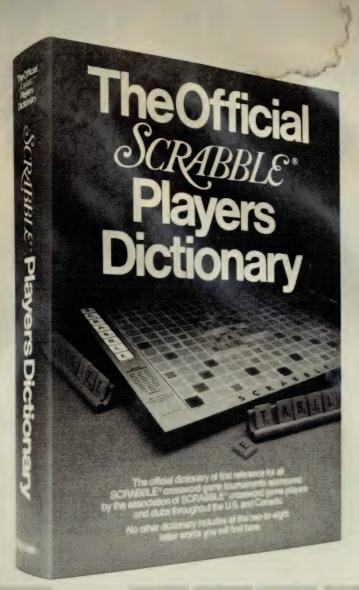
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Postmaster's Nightmare

A Laundry Basket Special Report

by Ira Zweifach



1. United States 1944 (never corrected).

We are pleased to report that magazine people aren't the only ones who need a Laundry Basket (see page 7). Illustrated above and opposite are real postage stamps from around the world, each of whose designs suffers from a critical error of fact—scientific, historical, grammatical, logical, etc. In some cases we offer a corrected edition of the stamp for the sake of comparison. (In others, no such confession of guilt was ever made.) Can you tell what is wrong in each case?

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2. St. Kitts-Nevis 1920 (never corrected). Shows Columbus looking for land.



3. Austria 1934.



Corrected issue: 1935.



4. Fiji Islands 1938. Corrected issue (too obvious to show): 1940.



5. East Germany July 1956.



Corrected issue: October 1956.



6. Jaipur 1931 (never corrected).



7. France 1937.



Corrected issue: 1937.



8. Guadeloupe 1946 (never corrected).



9. Monaco 1947 (never corrected)



10. India 1919.



Corrected issue: 1921.





11. United States Two issues from a single set, 1893 (never corrected).



12. Saudi Arabia 1949 (never corrected)

The Other Games Athletes Play



do not like to brag, but I admit once outscored Wilt Chamberlain. Another time, on a championship night, I outpointed Floyd Patterson. In a match in Brooklyn, I destroyed Bobby Fischer's concentration and beat him badly. Women, too. Donna DeVarona, the Olympic swimming champion. Her strokes were no match for mine. Paul Hornung, too, and Jerry Kramer, pushovers.

To be honest, I did not beat these people at their best games. Chamberlain and Patterson, I defeated at Tonk, a five-card rummy game popular among black athletes. Fischer and DeVarona, I took at tennis, when each was new to the game. Hornung and Kramer may have been among the greatest Green Bay Packers, but they were both vulnerable at gin rummy

When I talk about these events, as I sometimes do at cocktail parties, I simply say. I beat Floyd Patterson once or outmaneuvered Bobby Fischer; I do not bother to provide details. I am offering them now only to point out that a large number of people who are great at certain games also enjoy playing games that they are not so great at. Most of them do not like to lose at anything, but they especially hate to lose at their own games. A writer I know named Barry Tarshis once went to a tennis match in the Bahamas

and won two out of three backgammon games from Jimmy Connors. "I can't wait to get home to tell people I took two out of three from you," Tarshis told Connors. Tarshis was grinning. Connors was not. "Make sure you tell them it was at backgammon," Connors said, with the sort of snarl he generally reserves for umpires and spectators.

No one likes to play games more, or likes to lose less, than Rick Barry, the basketball star now with the Houston Rockets. Barry plays, among other things, superb tennis, par golf, chess, checkers, Othello, backgammon, Monopoly, Scrabble, Boggle, and all the Atari television games. He plays them all for blood. In his more impetuous youth, Barry remained undefeated in all board games by using a simple strategy: Whenever he was in danger of losing, he overturned the board. When you are six-footsix and sleekly athletic, you can get away with spilling Scrabble boards and stealing property in Monopoly. In recent years, as professional basketball has forced Barry to spend so much of his life in hotel rooms, he has become a television game-show nut. He sits in front of the tube and yells out quiz answers the way he yells at referees. He already has a flourishing career in television, as a sportscaster, but he'd love a chance to audition for the Pyramid Show. He

wants to win desperately.

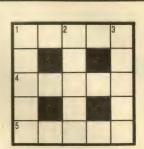
During last season, Barry was with Golden State, and the Warriors did not do particularly well on the court. Off the court, they did sensationally-at Mattel's Computer Football. The Warriors had a regular league going, and Barry, of course, was the champion. He spent as much time working on the intricacies of the computerized game as he spends polishing his foul shots.

There is hardly any kind of game that is not played by some professional athletes. Ron Johnson and Bob Tucker, for instance, former teammates on the New York Giants, used to carry on a running chess game that would baffle some of their teammates whose forte was brawn. One of their brighter teammates, Fran Tarkenton, liked to play cribbage and backgammon, but his main game was bridge. Tarkenton was a member of a bridge game that lasted almost fifteen years in the National Football League. It was played among the Minnesota Vikings, and it paired Tarkenton and Bill Brown, a crewcut fullback, against Mick Tingelhoff and Grady Alderman, a pair of linemen. There is a myth that backs are much more intelligent than linemen. Bill Brown did his best to dispel that myth. "Bill Brown was my handicap,"

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PENCILWISE





DOWN

- 1 Ms. Channing's Christmas song (5)
- 2 Monastery of the advice columnist, we hear (5)
- 3 Lodging is very warm on the elevated train (5)

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- 31 Wall Street is the in street to hold our attention, at least quarterly (8)
- 32 Though inactive, they are peerless, in a way (8)
- chance to plenty of real estate (4)
- 23 Overlooks the light in the little steamship (7)
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Crossword à l'Anglaise

by Jack Luzzatto

Fooled by the clues? That's the fun of British crosswords. Although they often seem ridiculous, the clues are for real and usually have *two* parts: (1) A definition or direct reference to the answer, and (2) A literal play on words, such as an anagram, pun, etc. In 9 ACROSS, for example, "confuses a trooper" is the wordplay indicating that A TROOPER can be rearranged ("confused") to produce the answer OPERATOR, which is defined by "telephone worker" and also "smooth one." (The number of letters in answer words is given in parentheses.)

In the warmup puzzle, you will find examples of each of these standard clue types: anagram, homonym, concealed word, second definition, charade, and reversal.

ACROSS

- 1 It will halt the car in a variety of gin spots (4, 4)
- 9 The telephone worker who confuses a trooper is a smooth one (8)
- 10 To his clients he is a fitting person to see (8)
- 11 Passenger partly out-ofdate (5)
- 14 'Twas wrong to kill the fly (4)
- 15 The underworld's carillon expresses exasperation (5, 5)
- 16 Balloons follow the breeze if they're full of hot air (8)
- 17 A decorative arrangement, rearranged for all (6)
- 20 Pope Leo loses nothing to be like other folk (6)
- 23 Snakes make strange presents! (8)
- 24 The planner falls apart to get back in desperate straits (9)
- 28 Get rid of the old shack (4)
- 29 Was it fashioned as a place for a belt? (5)
- **30** It's glorious, like the wild blue yonder (8)
- 31 Wall Street is the in street to hold our attention, at least quarterly (8)
- 32 Though inactive, they are peerless, in a way (8)

(DOWN

- 2 Witty peer arranged to do a manuscript (9)
- 3 Facing the world under false colors? (7, 2)
- 4 Fine cloth a leprechaun ties his shoe with? (5, 4)
- 5 No more Latin to perplex us (7)
- 6 Lots of cars in the usedcar lot (5)
- 7 A self deranged is untrue
- (5)
 8 A fictional book is new
- and unusual (5)

 12 Able-bodied man, cut
- down in prime time (4)
- 13 Mouth a drunken insult (4)
- 17 He'll take over the ship and be a fit master of sorts (5, 4)
- 18 Finished with a nap? Then dream on! (9)
- 19 In real trade, he's got a masterpiece of a business (3, 6)
- 21 Recipe for gumbo vegetable: cook raw, cut off ends (4)
- 22 They are drawn by chance to plenty of real estate (4)
- 23 Overlooks the light in the little steamship (7)
- **25** A drink after tea is sure to bind (5)
- 26 How I made my mark (5)
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Warmup Puzzle for New Solvers

by Will Shortz

with detailed explanations in Answer Drawer.

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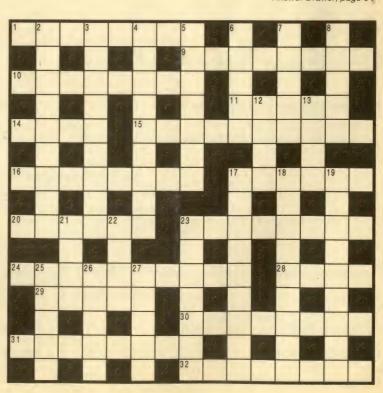
ACROSS

- 1 Hiding in Mexico a chubby team trainer (5)
- 4 Argue against the return of the tuber (5)
- 5 Faithful recasting of the alloy (5)

DOWN

- 1 Ms. Channing's Christmas song (5)
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Answer Drawer, page 61



Ein Deutsches Rätsel

(A German Puzzle)

by Ken Webb

You don't need to know German to attempt this puzzle. The following sentences in German tell a brief story of a young couple and their dog. A word-for-word English translation of the first ten sentences appears below the German story, but the order of the English sentences has been scrambled. By logical deduction, match each English sentence with its Ger-

man equivalent; then, with the knowledge of German you've acquired, translate the eleventh sentence to find out why the young couple have problems with their dog. Note: Most German words have a variety of endings. Beware especially of the words for "a," "the," and "this."

Answer Drawer, page 61



1.	Ein	Ehe	paar	hat	einen	Sohn.
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O coulle have

6. Der Sohn hat eine Frau.

2. Er wohnt in einer Wohnung.

He lives in an afer

7. Sie wohnt auch in Berlin.

3. Die Wohnung ist in Berlin.

the aboutment is in

8. Dieses Ehepaar hat einen Hund.

4. Eine grosse Stadt ist Berlin.

a light is

9. Der Hund ist sehr gross.

5. Diese Stadt ist in Deutschland.

the est in Bernany

10. Dieses Tier beisst nur Briefträger.

This arrived both only mislener

11. Der Sohn ist ein Briefträger.

It son is a mailman

The son has a wife.

A couple have a son.

A big city is Berlin.

This couple have a dog.

The apartment is in Berlin.

This animal bites only mailmen.

She lives also in Berlin.

The dog is very big.

He lives in an apartment.

This city is in Germany.

You're the Umpire!

by Jack Luzzatto

	ACROSS
1	Sorrows
	Siberian river
	Printer's measures
14	Slanted type style:
	Abbr.
15	Not crazy
16	Make very happy
17	Failed, like a
	batter: 2 wds.
19	The suspect's
	excuse as to his
	whereabouts
20	Lasso eyelets or
	low-lying arroyos
21	Separate, as the
	wash
23	
24	
25	
	farm dog
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27	2 4 6 0 111 6 1 6 0 0
	distinct, as a color
29	The state of the s
31	Suffix with cash
	and court
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37	and pop
	up behind home
20	plate: 2 wds.
39	Abélard's wife
40	One ninth of a

- 46 Ace of the team 49 Right-angled letters
- 50 Part of a foot
- measures 51 Women's cause, for short ype style:
 - 52 College teacher: Abbr.
 - 53 Infuse with air
 - 56 Make up for errors 58 Double
 - 60 Has the depressed)
 - **61** Lug

game, usually

41 Pitch

42 Gosh!

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43 Rubbish

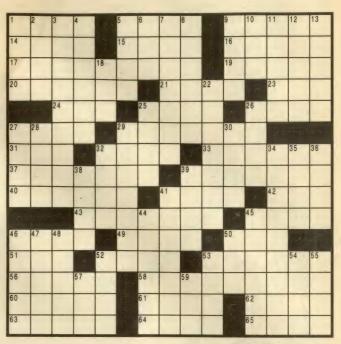
containers

- 62 Combining form for the Common Market continent
- . work (begin): 2 wds. __ (fail) 64 Brontë's Jane _
- ungarian 65 GOP rivals

DOWN

- 1 Make a. (hope for)
- 2 Movie director Preminger
- It goes against the pitcher's record: 2 wds. 4 Slimy sediment
- 5 Poses a question
- 6 ____-Tse-tung 7 Not common
- 8 Repeated, as a story
- 9 Kind of moss
- 10 Sick
- 11 Heap of stones as a marker

- 12 Up at the plate: 2 wds.
- 13 River in Paris 18 Machine part
- 22 Civil disturbers
- 25 Animal hide
- 26 Hair style
- 27 Name for a French woman or her poodle
- 28 Extremely long period of time: Var.
- 29 One who guffaws
- Loaded, as the bases
- 32 Swindles
- 34 Not at all bush: 2 wds.
- Like a ship on the bounding main
- If ____ be (if necessary)
- 38 Fibber
- 39 Attila's horde
- 41 At the midpoint 44 Dress
- 45 Ate too much
- 46 Pitcher's rubbers 47 Name, as a book
- __-face (reversal)
- 50 Boston _ Party
- 52 Mexican money
- 53 Having the necessary skill
- Semester
- 55 Greek god of love
- 57 Tennis court item
- 59 Belonging to us



Answer Drawer, page 61

Water Works

by Gene Traub

Each of the clues below suggests a word or phrase that contains the word "water." For instance, "diluted" would be watered down or "a piece of furniture" would be water bed.

Answer Drawer, page 61

1.	Like a flawless alibi	11.	Prison fare
2.	Place to meet and drink	12.	Disastrous defeat
3.	Type of painting	13.	In trouble
4.	Proverb of stubborness	14.	Out of trouble
5.	Big skinny guy	15.	Marlon Brando movie
6.	Beyond reconsideration	16.	Political scandal
7.	Saturated	17.	Papermaker's symbol
8.	Proverb of kinship	10	Fruit
9.	Poisonous snake	19.	Actress who began as
0.	Wild West liquor	20.	Fine crystal

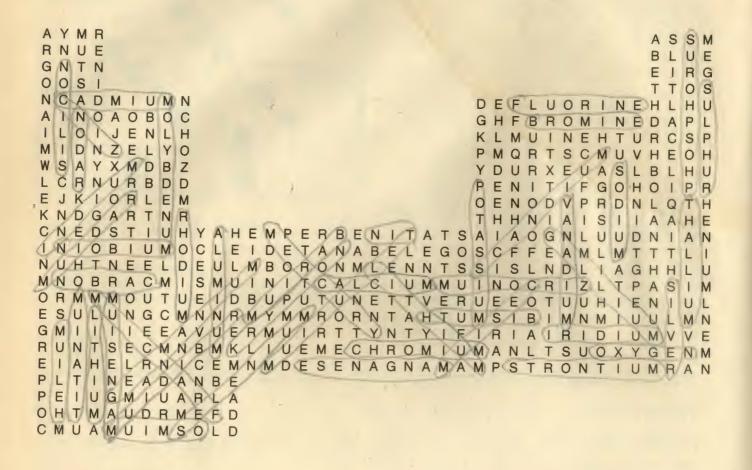
Do You Recognize This Shape?

by Edith Rudy

As any Einstein will immediately recognize, this puzzle grid is in the shape of the periodic table of chemical elements. And you'll probably need a scientist's patience to find the names of the 75 elements hidden in the grid (only 75 because the obscure lanthanide and actinide series, usually presented in separate charts beneath the main table, are excluded).

Work directly from the list, or, for a more challenging refresher test in chemistry, mask the list and see how many elements you can find without looking at it. Words appear horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in the grid, either forwards or backwards, but always in a straight line, and letters in the grid may appear in more than one answer word.

Answer Drawer, page 62



ACTINIUM
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The Work Ethic

by J.L. Wilkinson

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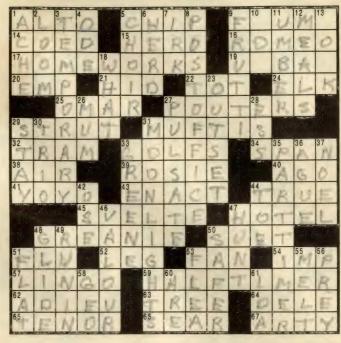
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- O'Grady _ (way
- 41 Toy on a string
- 43 Pass a bill into law 44 ____ or false (type
- of quiz) 45 Slimly elegant
- 47 Tourist accommodation
- 48 Pep pill, in colorful language

- 50 Meat fat
- 51 Asian _ (respiratory malady)
- 52 Table or human support
- 53 One who idolizes a movie star, etc.
- 57 Jargon 59 One who works a
- 20-hour week 62 Good-bye in French
- 63 One source of shade
- 64 Expunge from copy, in printer's terms
- 65 Male singing voice 42 Sugar suffix
- 66 Scorch
- __ Sharif __67 Pretentiously esthetic: Colloq.

DOWN

- 1 Dull, steady pain 2 Weaving
 - apparatus
- 3 Not permanent
- A Type of poem 5 Church singing
- group 6 Group of animals
- 7 Vex & Where to buy
- stamps: 2 wds. ? Tutti-
- 10 Actor Colman, affectionately 11 Yellowish- or
- reddish-brown . 12 Dinners
 - 13 Kind of chop or barrel

- .18 Cry of disbelief
- 23 At the ____ (at the beginning)
- 26 Not talking 27 Throb rhythmically
- 28 It comes before tee
- student, in 54 Mischievous child 29 Stick around
 - 30 Group of three 31 Holds a second
 - job at night 33 Author Graham
 - 35 He works just a little
 - 36 Fever marked by recurring chills 37 Yule song
 - ____ the line (obey)
 - 46 Velvety fabric 47-Track animals or
 - treasure 48 Float smoothly, like a paper
 - airplane Altercation or hassle
 - . 50 Less dangerous
 - -51 ____ broke (penniless)
 - 53 Acrobatic insect?
 - 55 Liquefy -56 Nature's victims
 - 58 President Washington or comedian Burns: Abbr.
 - 60 Plural of am
 - 161 It is between Wyo. and Ore.



Answer Drawer, page 61

Alterations

by Barry Traub

The following words make perfect sense, but they are also "tailor-made" anagrams. When unscrambled, each is a common article of clothing.

Answer Drawer, page 61

- 7. MOCKS _____ 8. THIRST ___ 9. FIBERS_
- 10. REPAID __ 11. REWARDS ___
- 12. RIPPLES _____
- 13. SMITTEN _____
- 14. CROATIAN_
- 15. ARCADING

16. ROUSTERS____

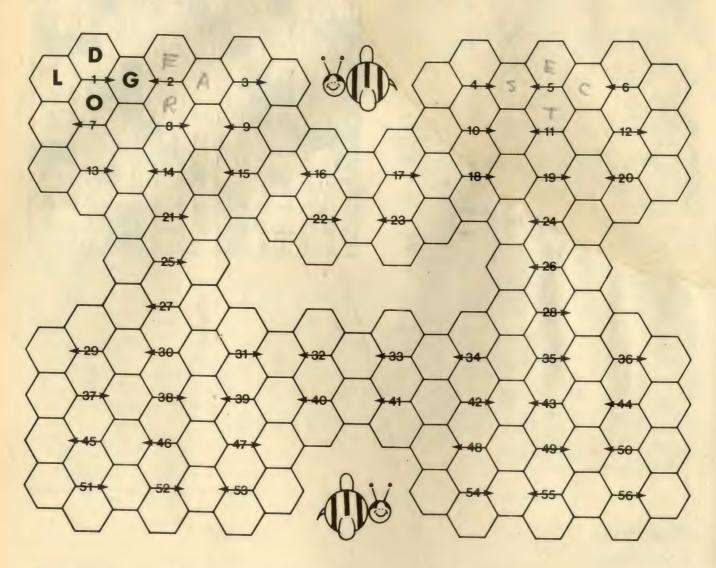
- 1. BORE
- 2. HOES _____ 3. LIVE _____
- 5. PACE _____
- 6. BOOST_ GAMES September/October 1978

Honeycomb

by D. Trevor Michaels

Each numbered pair of clues below defines a four-letter word to be entered in the Honeycomb. Write each answer word in the four hexagonal spaces that surround its number, beginning in the space indicated by the arrow and continuing around the number in a *clockwise* direction.

Answer Drawer, page 62



- # Metal; riches
- 2 Cogwheel; equipment
- 3 Move about purposelessly; rove
- 4 Precipitation; deceive
- Faction; cult
- 6 Tricks; felons
- 7 Provoke; egg on
- 8 Mark of past
- injury; damage
- 9 Without delay; before long
- 10 Bridge unit; measure of length
- 11 Immediately; carved figure: Abbr.
- 12 Partiality; diagonal line

- 13 Drive by force; dispatch
- 14 Tax; Highlander15 Standing alone;
- exclusively

 16 Lake; arm of the
- sea: Scot.
- 17 Defy; ridicule
- 18 Force down; pack closer
- 19 Extremity, stub
- 20 Anger; bitterness
- 21 Dissolve; become softened
- 22 Course of action; track
- 23 Jab; meddle
- 24 Rough edge; actor Raymond
- 25 Appellation, moniker

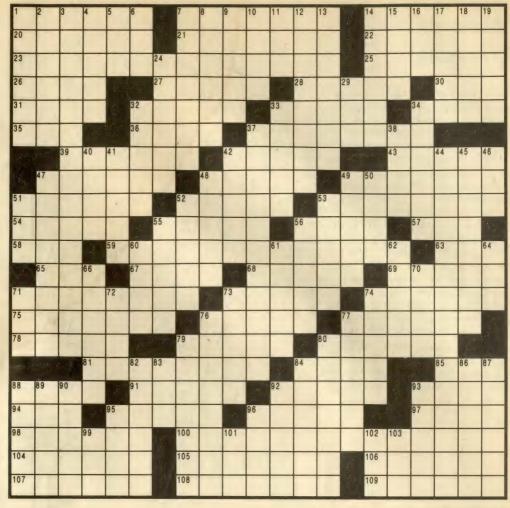
- 26 Excessive indulgence; wild revelry
- 27 Injury; wrong
- 28 Without effect or purpose; vainly
- 29 Regretted; mourned
- 30 Discharge; give off
- 31 Torment maliciously, trap food
- 32 Smudge; obscure
- 33 Force forward;
- impel 34 Make a mistake; booboo
- 35 Stupid person; dolt
- 36 Moor; pier
- 37 Praise highly; extol

- 38 Sediment; grainy soil
- 39 Trustworthy; storage compartment
- 40 Disturbance; wear down
- 41 Of gases; air: Comb. form
- 42 Vassal; slave
- 43 Scant; slender44 Small quantity;
- jot
- 45 Final result; inevitable events
- 46 Natural drift; tendency of events
- 47 Prevailing style;
- 48 Treat with derision; scoff

- 49 Come down heavily; pour
- 50 Legend; narrative
- 51 Promissory obligation; brief letter
- **52** Completed; finished
- 53 Lavish extreme fondness; be foolish
- 54 High-priced; darling
- 55 Hoofed animals; type of stalker or skin
- 56 To corner; tall branching plant

Turn of Phrase

by Jordan Lasher



Answer Drawer, page 62

ACROSS

- 1 Outcome
- 7 Aussie waltzer?
- 14 View
- 20 Like dried leaves
- 21 Shelley's elegy to Keats
- 22 Lad, or his razor
- 23 Shuts off a tape
- recorder
- 25 Lady of Spain 26 Just gets by
- (with out) Council of _
- 1545-63 28 Unyielding
- 30 Francis or Kyser
- 31 Rat or human
- 32 Scandinavian inlet
- __ Salaam, capital of Tanzania
- 34 Iewels
- 35 Be quiet!
- 36 Debussy's "Clair de_
- 37 Hereditary
- 39 Groups of eight
- 42 Creeping juniper
- 43 Make a mess of Letter-perfect
- house style? Upper storeroom
- 49 Dainty restaurant

- 51 Libel or slander someone
- 52 Extort
- 53 Symbols on St. Louis uniforms
- 54 African pygmy
- antelope Copper: Comb.
- form
- 56 Be nurse to
- 57 Bananas
- 58 Wheel tooth
- 59 Is doomed to eternal cachinnation
- 63 Ma that maas
- 65 U-boat, for short
- 67 Aquarium growth
- 68 Possessive pronoun
- Rare gas
- 71 Holmes's nemesis
- _-down (soft plumage)
- 74 In abundance
- 75 Gives a benediction
- 76 I Don't Know's position
- 77 In camouflage
- 78 Cash on hand, e.g.
- 79 Half moon, e.g.
- ____ Aires

- 81 Clearly presented and
- Rudolf
- feather
- 92 Throws in a
- 93 Exuberant cry,
- 94 Political patronage or
- baby's mush

- Alabama
- Drover's charge
- 105 Airplane formation
- gold
- fino 108 How .

- understandable 84 Dame Myra or
- 85 Prepare to
- 88 Deputy: Abbr.
- 91 Sun-baked brick
- barrage
- especially among
- children
- 95 Battle a blackout
- 96 City on the
- 98 Cleared the tape
- 100 Heroic wild dog?
- 104 Kind of tire
- 106 Salt containing
- Amontillado or
- _ Was Won
- 109 Adjudged

DOWN

- 1 Pills or some berths
- 2 Warm, hooded
- jackets 3 Statistician's
- dissertation
- Novelist
- Hermann
- Conjunctions
- 6 Nautical rope 7 Women prison
- guards 8 Stick to it
- End-_
- (stretched out) 'Meet Me_
- Louis
- 11 Crosser of long. 12 Like a miniature
- exhibit 13 Headache remedy
- 14 Whence St. Francis
- 15 Lose hair, like a cat
- 16 Criticize severely 17 Elicit, as a response
- 18 Indonesian island
- 19 Cafeteria supply 24 One of the twelve apostles

- 29 Solidify
- 32 Tongue of fire
- 33 Soul of TV 34 Steinem or
- Swanson Adoption by Mr.
- Brownlow Simple rhyme
- scheme
- 40 Cancer's symbol 41 Language spoken in India and Sri
- Lanka 42 Suffixes with
- gang and road Destroys Boulder
- secretly "Morse," in a
- way __ Bounty
- 47 Fluorocarbon spreaders
- 48 Omega's counterpart
- 49 Choir voice 50 Taro root 51 "What's up,
- 2" 52 Horse's companion
- 53 St. (Iroquois tribe) Fanatic
- followings 56 Latest behavior 60 Alpine river

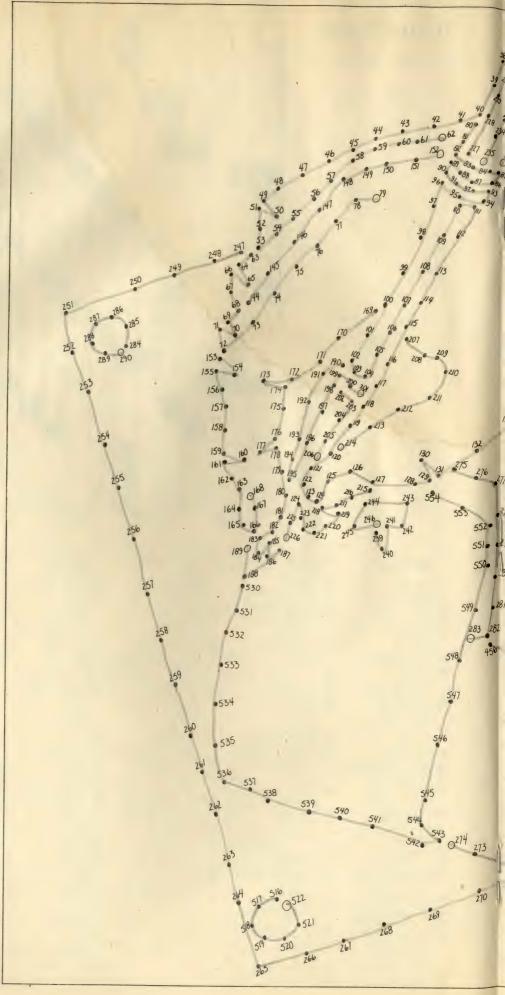
- 61 Chicago terminal **62** Plumbing piece
- 64 Opposite WSW
- 66 Halve an angle
- 70 As well
- 71 Business deg.
- 72 Concerning
- 73 Ladd western 74 Shot in the dark
- 76 On (doomsday book
- by Nevil Shute) 77 Kingly name in
- Sweden 79 Mid-size plane
- 80 Triple Crown event
- 82 Scant
- 83 Tokyo, formerly 84 Greetings
- 86 Treat tap water 87 Used woad over
- eosin Copycats
- 89 Miles of movies 90 Sam the
- gumshoe 92 Norman Vincent
- 93 Inquirer's word 95 Equipment 96 Take a slanting
- or oblique course 99 Knight's title
- 101 Guevara
- 102 Youngster
- 103 Partner of cry

Consecutive Noncontinuous Connection

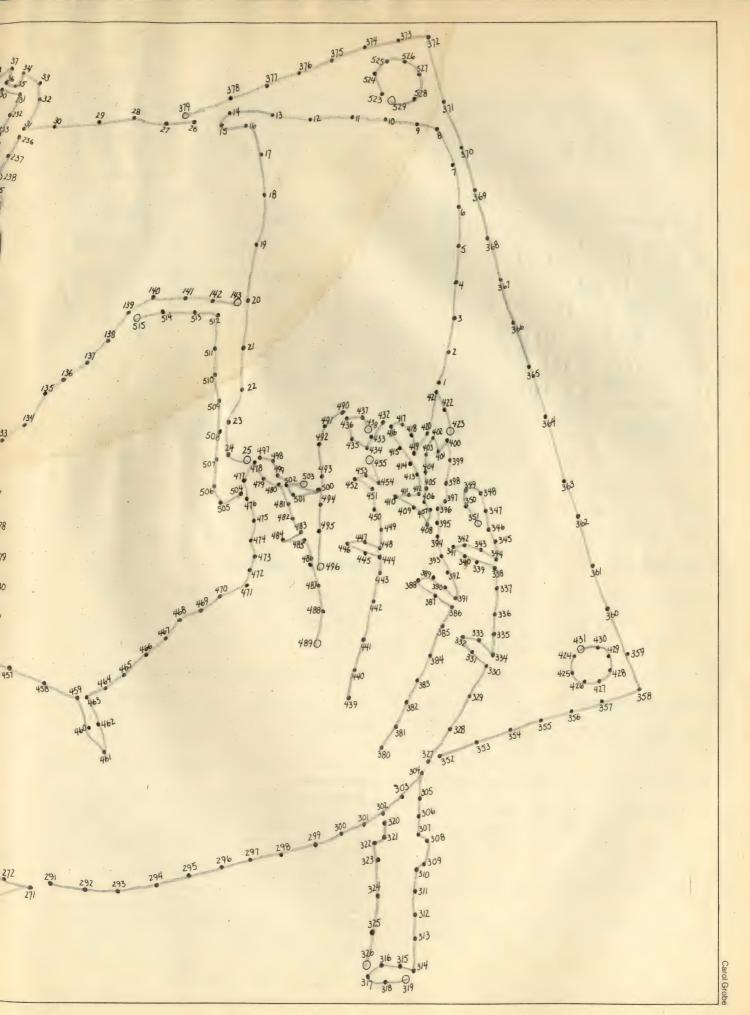
Here we have a variation on what in the first issue of GAMES we called a nonperiodic tessellation.* Once again your task is to connect the numbered dots and reproduce a drawing by M.C. Escher. However, instead of producing a continuous line from number 1 to number 554, you will be drawing several independent lines.

Start at number 1 and draw a continuous line with your pencil until you come to an "open" dot, that is, a circle whose center is not blackened in (the first such circle is number 25). Then lift your pencil, look for the next consecutive number somewhere else in the diagram (in this case number 26), and begin a new line at that point. Continue from there in numerical sequence until you come to the next "open" dot; then jump again, start a new line, and so on. When you reach number 554, you will see clearly what your hand has drawn.

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^{*}a careful juxtaposition of nonrepeating elements into a coherent pattern.



Dszquphsbnt!

by Norma Gleason

Below are eight messages, consisting of pithy sayings, fascinating facts, and an occasional wisecrack, which have been translated into code alphabets. Letter substitutions remain constant throughout any one cipher, but the codes change from one cipher to the next, and the level of difficulty increases as you progress. An asterisk (*) indicates a proper noun.

Word divisions in ciphers 7 and 8 have been concealed by arbitrarily putting the letters into groups of five—although the letters are still in proper order. Punctuation and asterisks have been omitted in these two ciphers to increase the challenge.

Clues are given in the box at bottom right to provide assistance if you need it.

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1. A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

NLR YEB HJGYCRD GO NRCRSEKEGF HJGBJXD PEJRZNGJK EK LGT NG OEN KRSRFNRRF GFR—DEFQNR ZGDDRJZEXCK EFNG X OEONRRF—DEFQNR KLGT.

2. DRIVERS, TAKE NOTE

GSV GSIVV NLHG UZNLFH
SRTSDZBH RM GSV DLIOW
ZIV GSV KIRNILHV KZGS, GSV
HGIZRTSG ZMW MZIILD, ZMW
GSV ILZW GL IFRM.

3. THE RUNG WAY

ENKODKPI VQ VJG VQR QH VJG NCFFGT KU HKPG WPVKN AQW HKPF QWV KV JCU DGGP NGCPKPI CICKPUV VJG YTQPI YCNN.

4. AS THE WIND BLOWS

YOZXNLO SAGP IHSOK AL WKOO
HW IHDDNMAHG XGP ZXG YO
OZHGHFAZXD, OTIOKAFOGMOKL
XKO NLAGE FHPOKG SAGPFADDL
MH EOGOKXMO ODOZMKAZAMU.

5. ROLLING IN THE AISLES

SZ NSE VZATZMZI JSZ *HEAAI—
HEQWZ TI JSZ NEHAX'I BEIJ
ZPFZDITMZ MZSTWAZ SUI DEJ
VZZD FKISTDO WUHJI TD
IKFZHBUHYZJI HZWZDJAQ.

6. TRUE LEARNING

ECBJQZWZPRCA *H. *M. *CVRYYLU
QGC CGRK AQGA LKTJGARZY
RC OQGA CTUIRILC OQLY
OQGA QGC HLLY WLGUYA QGC
HLLY MZUPZAALY.

7. PROBLEM SOLVING

GSVNV ZHFIV LUHFX XVHHR
HMLGD SVGSV IBLFS ZEVZG
LFTSK ILYOV NGLWV ZODRG
SYFGD SVGSV IRGHG SVHZN
VKILY OVNBL FSZWO ZHGBV
ZIQLS MULHG VIWFO OVH

8. ORIENTAL COMPUTER?

KSMUN YNJMP MPHAH LNJHA
NLNGI PTPOT BTOMO TJKHK
CHPMG KTHJP KSMKH YYNAK
TPGNW WMOSM NBMJN JOKSM
LHKKH XPMGK THJTP GNWWM
OMNAK S

Additional Clues

General: Each title provides a clue of sorts. High frequency letters are E, T, O, A, N, I. In one of the first six ciphers, there is an "alphabet-shift" code in which cipher letters and plaintext letters are a uniform number of letters apart, as in the title of this page, which is a one-letter-shift code for the word "Cryptograms." Another one of the first six ciphers uses a "reversealphabet" code—that is, plaintext letter A equals cipher letter Z, B equals Y, and so on.

Cipher 1: The plaintext words PROBLEM and PROGRAM appear.

Cipher 2: THE appears five times in the plaintext. Cipher 3: Plaintext words FINE and FIND appear.

Cipher 4: Compare the second and sixteenth words in the cipher to the words in the title. (Further hint: E is the most frequent letter in the plaintext.)

Cipher 5: THE appears twice this time.

Cipher 6: The doubled letters in the plaintext are N, E, and T. Also, the

plaintext word WHAT appears twice.

Cipher 7: The word PROBLEM appears twice in this quotation from Eisen-

hower's Secretary of State.

Cipher 8: CALLED appears twice in the plaintext.

Double Cross

by Michael Ashley

Guess the words defined below, write them in on the numbered dashes, and then transfer their letters to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid. (The letters following the grid numbers refer to the defined words, enabling you to work back and forth between both sections of the puzzle. Black squares in the grid indicate spaces between words.)

When completed, the puzzle grid reveals a quotation. The first letters of the words filled in on the dashes, reading from top to bottom, give the author's first initial and last name and the title of the published work from which the quotation is taken. (In addition to the puzzle quotation, the defined words are listed in the Answer Drawer.)

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43			1E	2C	3B	4F	5H	整	6T	7P	W	8T	9U	10G	*	11B	120	13V	14A H		15E	16C	17X	18M	19N
	20G	21T	22P		23V	24L	25M	26A S	27N	28W	29X	Nage.	30F	31C		32S	33K	34A	35Y	36Q	37U	38B	39F	400	
41T	42W	43D	4	44E	45S	46Q	47T	48J	49K	50C	51G	52U	530	54B		55W	56V	57F		58J	59B	60C	61P	62Q	63X
64L	- 1994	65D	660	100	67E	68R	69B		70S	71C	72Q	731	74M	75U		76D	770	78A O	79W	80H		81X	82Y	1	83J
84G	85D	86L	87K	888	89P	90H	9 1 U		920	93G	94X	4	95T	96M	978	98W	99K	100J	101P	102Q	103E	104U	35	105R	106N
107J	108B	100	109S	1100	111M	112L	113V	114X	1	115G	116B	117D	- An	118E	1190	120Q	121L	122A P	123Y	1245	125E	126U		127T	128R
1	129X	130D	131F		132L	133C	134Y	135V	136E	Hij.	137K	138T	139X	140M	141Y	142V	143Y		144J	145G	Vigo.	146Y	147R	148B	149C
1500	151Y	152L		153D	154A E	155G	156S	157X	158M	159N	160U	Ŷ.	161H	1620	163Q	.03	1641	165V	Contract of	166H	167L	10	168M	169A R	170K
171T	172N	173X		174C	175H	4	176D	177V	178K	179C	180R	181L	*	182Q	183R		184A N	1851	186E		187M	188F	189V	190Y	
191A W	192M	193B	194J	195F		196R	197Y		198T	199X	2001	.ef. a	201H	202N	2038	204R	205F	206T	207Y	208P	2098	210K	×3.		

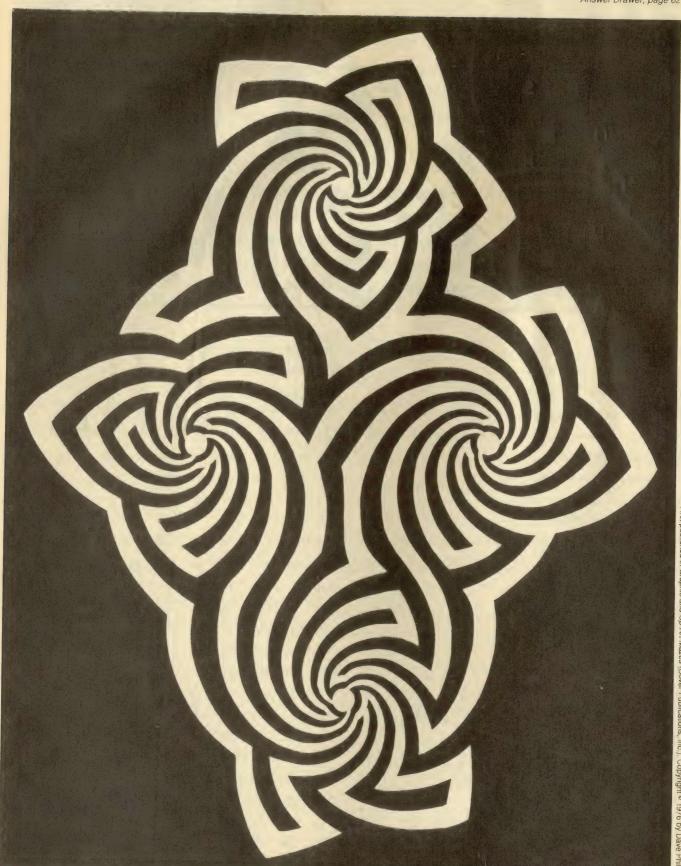
A.	Possession	O 78	W 191	N 184	E 154	R 169	S 26	H 14	34	P 122		
B.	Women hired to tend children	108	193	13	69	\$ 3	11	38	116	148	59	
C.	Like the "man" in TV's Man from Atlantis	174	50	179		149	16	71	31	133	60	
D.	Department store clientele	76	130	65	85	176	43	153	117			
E.	Author Nathaniel	136	15	186	1	67	118	103	125	44		
F.	Swayed; staggered	205	188	30	39	57	4	131	195			
G.	People who think they're experts: Slang	115	145	10	155	93	84	20	51			
H.	Lotion an optometrist might use		80		161							
1.	Word of relief: Slang		164									
J.	Fix a ship's hull or some silverware	48	58		194	100	144	107				
K.	Not subject to death	,	137					49	87			
L.	Without worth		24					181		167		
M.	Able to walk, as a patient	111						140		158	187	
N.	Material for a grass shack		106				172	140	192	130	107	
Ο.	Bring about; cause	40						12	160	0.2	110	
P.	Dislike intensely	208		101				12	102	92	110	
Q.	Notorious	46		120					100			
R.	Most agile								163			
S.	Blocked, like a flooded road	128			196				105		and the same of th	
Т.	Songbird		203		209				97	109		
U.	Comedienne Alice							198	1	138	95	206
V.	Sought out with care; exquisite							75				
W.	The day (recently)		113				142	135	56	177		
X.	Compose or arrange		55			79						
Υ.	Revelers	17	29	63						157	173	199
		35	82	123	134	141	146	151	190	197	207	143

The Pinwheel Maze

by Dave Phillips

Starting in any of the four white circles at the center of the pinwheel swirls, visit the other three and return to the first by the shortest route, without using the same path twice.

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RightAngles

by E.R. Galli

The special twist of RightAngles is the way in which words are entered in the puzzle grid. Each word makes one right-angle turn somewhere along its length. But it's your task to determine where each word makes this turn and in which direction.

As a guide, the starting direction of each answer word (i.e., the direction of the word before the right-angle turn) is indicated by the letter given after the clue number. Words can go north, south, east, or west to start with. For example, 2E (ALIAS) begins on square 2 by heading east. Of additional help is the fact that each letter in the correctly completed grid appears in exactly two answer words, no more, no less.

For RightAngles #1, the actual words to be entered in the grid are listed-except for 11E. That 13-letter word, which traverses the shaded squares, remains to be discovered. (The title is a clue.)

For RightAngles #2, only the definitions of the answer words have been given. The number of letters in each answer word or words is given in parentheses. BOX LUNCH has already been entered, since it makes more than one turn.

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RightAngles #1-90° in the Shade

1W REDID ALIAS 3N LET ABSTAIN 4E 5W BADEN 6N DATE DISMANTLE 6E

TARANTULA 7E 85 SOMALI

9N ARSENIDE 9E ANTACID 10W MOOR

11E See instructions 12W REPORT 13N PANAMAS

A L A S

RightAngles #2——Square Meal

Potato utensil (6) She "delivers" eggs (3) 3E Kitchen meas: (3) 45 Kitchen utensil (7)

5N What a soufflé should be (5)

68 Bagel accompaniment (3)

7E Box lunch

7W Lion or donkey, e.g. (5) 8E What a diner offers (4)

Bread spread (4) 9E 108 Potatoes ____ (4)

Entree for a feast (5,3) 11N French chef's seafood 12N

dumpling (8)

13W Seafood delicacy (5)

Southern dessert, with 148 168 (5) 15W Uncap the jar, in a poet's

kitchen (3) 165 See 14S (3)

17W Salad green, sometimes (7) 18E Prepares yams (7)

В 0 X H U C N 15 16

FOLD THIS PAGE! YOU ARE APPROACHING

THE WORLD'S MOST **ORNERY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

The giant puzzle on this and the following pages has two independent sets of clues: "Hard" and "Easy." If you use only the Hard Clues (beginning below and continuing beneath the diagram on the following right-hand page), you'll find this puzzle among the most challenging you've ever done. But there's also a set of Easy Clues (on the following left-hand page) to bail you out with additional information in case you get stuck. Keep the Easy Clues hidden by folding this page on the dashed line and tucking this side under. Then turn the page. To peek or not to peek is up to you.

Out of This World

by William Lutwiniak

Hard Clues

ACROSS

1 Risked, as one's reputation

Ravine

12 Pheasant ragout

17 Poles

23 Attain recognition

Smuggled item in old China

25 Thai or Tatar 26 Absorb, as in

thought Proof that we are

not alone

31 Run

32 Port south of Foochow

Type of maid 34 April events

35 Broke a fast 36

Truly

37 about

Autumn beverage

Digs

One who does: Suffix

Strike

42 Ante

43 African republic

44 Break off

The untouchables, e.g.

48 Embrace

Musical motif

51 Kipling character 103 O.T. book

Trips to Andromeda

61 Lords

62 Wellaway!

63 Musical marks

64 Impetus

65 Bewitching hour

66 Thee, to Pierre 67 Running: Suffix

68 Hair line 69 Guanaco's kin

70 Writer Goodman _

71 Collapses violently

73 Architectural drop 74 Part of the

orchestra 75 Give ____ up

(help) 76 Wind direction

77 Caesar's cash 78 Inclined

79 Betty's cousin, in

name only 80 Saucers 87 German priest

and reformer 88 Originate

89 Actress Massey

90 The sea in Irish myth

91 Beloved of Rose 92 Emit z's

93 Analyzes verse

94 Monitors 99 Turner who

rebelled

101 Golden skates boy

102 Scoff at

104 River to Lake

Balkhash 105 Others, to Ovid

things

106 Airway 108 Very funny 109 Whale

110 Actual contacts, with 4 DOWN

115 Kind of operator

116 Vex

117 Camel pit stops

118 Dipsomaniacs

119 Poplar resort?

122 Garden bloom 124 Sparks from old

movies

125 English, in a way

127 Genus of sea birds

128 Is the guest at a necktie party

129 Kindling, perhaps

132 Write a "Dear John" letter

133 Spanish currency: Abbr.

136 Teeny, in Dundee

Sweet: Ital. 138 _ Dream,

Dear" 139 Bit

140 Theater notices

141 Transportation for commuters in the 21st

Century? 100 Velvet-like fabric 146 Windsor, for one

147 Repress

148 A use for sandbags

149 Life on man! 150 Walks

151 Place for les étudiants

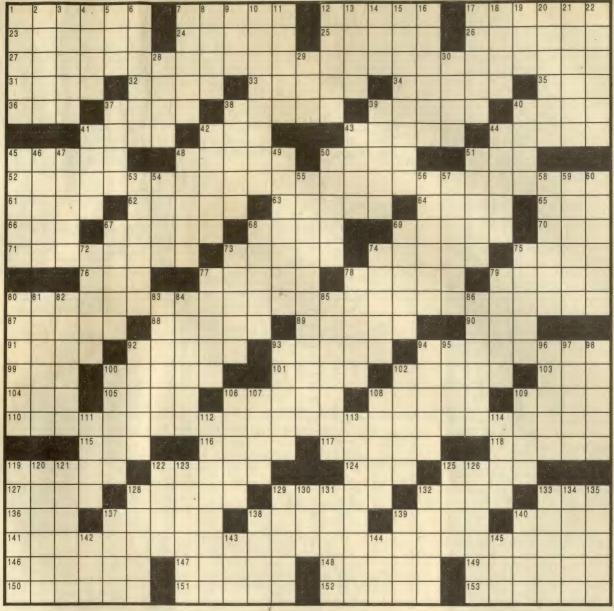
152 Certain roles

153 With reason

The Easy Clues for the World's Most Ornery Crossword Puzzle

incorporating anagrams and other wordplay in italics. (Don't peek until you read page 37.)

	(ACROSS)	6	7 Ending with	. 10	8 Civil			180	Coofeed -free	0.5	4 3 6
	(11011000)		hippo, aero, and				(DOWN)	19.6	Seafood, often	75	Author of
	I Provided				disturbances				served on the		Portnoy's
			palin	10	9 Order of whales		1 Impertinent		half shell		Complaint
	financial backing	0	8 and parcel		(are from Crete?)	2 In a (in an	45	Stole (like	96	a million
	or propped up a	1 6	9 Andes animal	11	0 1977 Oscar-		instant)		Blackbeard?)	,	(very rare): 2 wds.
	plant		(returns to a		winning movie.			. E		07	' '
	oneself (ea	o t	mall?)		with 4 DOWN:	,	3 100-eyed guardian	1 31	Seed cover	9/	Back: Prefix (to
	too much)						of Greek myth		(growing in an		err, almost)
907			Highest card		6 wds.		(who stirred		upset state?)	98	Toolhouses
12	2 Ragout of game	/	1 Bursts inward		and eggs		sugar?)	51	Buddhist concept	100	Song of praise
	(found in the		(opposite of	110	Irritate	4	See 110 ACROSS		(which makes a		(from an ape?)
	mails?)		explodes)		Watering holes		Zsa Zsa's sister			100	
12	Faces on Indian	7	3 Architectural		in the desert				mark?)		Played the flute
-	poles	,	drop (tug at	446			Part of FDR	53	" how does	106	Destroys;
26.7			4 '		Skid Row types	7	Like a lot; Slang:		your grow?"		historic remains
23	Reach a	_	roughly?)	119	Ski resort in		2 wds.	54	Medicinal plant	107	One and
	destination	7.	4 Musical		Colorado	8	"Grand Ole		(which is almost		American Beauty
24	Narcotic from		instrument or	122	Plant with large				alone?)	100	
	poppies		woman's name		showy flowers						and floribunda
25	Kind of flu	7	Shake	104			Grande	55	Document for	109	Where goatees
		,		124	New English		Stickiest		teaching or	,	grow
20	Envelop (in a		(hurry up):		Dictionary:	11	Set something		accounting	111	Mets' ballpark
	new rap?)		2 wds.		Abbr.		deeply into	56	Elongated form		Of mountain
27	Outer space	76	6 Opposite of wsw	125	Rotate, like a top		something else		Theatric district	***	forming (go nice
	messages: 5 wds		Roman gold		Bird genus			3/			0 10
31	Run (like		coins (you are I,	12/		12	One who says		(tailor-made?)		or badly!)
31	,			***	(confuses Saul?)	13	Hebrew lyre (for	58	Acid (look in the	113	Spiced drink,
-	backward Ducs?	/	in a way?)	128	Puts up drapes or		which Rosa does		box, Alice!)		akin to sangria
32	Port of China		Rested one's		pictures		an about-face?)	59	Most pleasant	114	Tease (like a
	(mix the Mayo?)	weight, as	129	Little branches	14	Yutang		Battles, especially		partial <i>nitwit</i> ?)
33	39.37 inches		against a wall		Dump a			- 00		110	
	"When it i	79	Woman's name		girlfriend or a		(dropped off the		to conquer		Help out
	pours'		(makes Elsie				end of the line?)		fortresses, etc.	120	Antislavery
20			1		boyfriend	15	A cappella song	67	One who		Senator
	Consumed food		change?)	133	Parent-Teacher		for several voices		receives a		Charles
36	Word of assent	80	Mysterious		Association:	16	Amount consumed	1	donation	121	Missouri River
37	about		things aloft		Abbr.		(opposite of an		Thick soup	141	
	(approximately)		(UFOs): 3 wds.	136	Small: Scot. (it's			40	Innels soup		feeder (makes a
	2 wds.		German reformer				outlet?)	67	Jungle vine		plate with tea!)
20		07			a small small!)	17	13 to 19		(swings a nail	122	Mall
	Apple juice		(and a goner?)	13/	La Vita	18	Dollar bills		back?)		(sounds like Paul
	Is fond of		Get up		(1959 movie)	19	Commercial	72	Rock or building		belongs there!)
40	Suffix with pun	89	Miss Massey	138	"If hammer		airline: Abbr.		projection	192	Put in a box
	and speed		(found in an oil		'': 3 wds.	20	Book errors	72			
41	Plod heavily		mixture?)	130	Speck; Greek	20		/3	Aspect;		Building location
	(around logs?)	90	Irish sea god	13/			(there's a rat in		semblance (seen	126	Dishes
40		/0			letter		the ERA!)		in disguise!)	128	Comedian Bob
	Prefix's prefix		(finishes off	140	Standing Room	21	Dull surfaces	74	Blood vessels		and family
43	West African		trawler?)		Only signs, for		(tamest, anyway!)	75	Wide-awake;	129	Chief of a clan
	river and country	y 91	"'s Irish		short	22	Orb; globe		ready	120	
	(where the crazy		Rose''	141	Mars-to-Earth			77	Elamina	400	(then a disaster?)
	reign?)	92	Sleep noisily	***	craft of the		Polluted air		Flaming		World II
4.4	and desist	92	Looks at hear dis			29	Summer: Fr. (a	78	City on the	131	Pastoral poem (a
44		73	Looks at broadly,		future: 2 wds.		good time to tee		Rhone (no sly		dilly!)
	(stop)		as a book or the	146	Long couch		around?)		crookedness	132	One-liners; gags
45	Hindu social		horizon	147	Squelch or seat	30	Yesterday: Fr. (a		there!)		Award
	class	94	They police		oneself upon:	00	time to hire	79	Drive out; expel		
48	Purse fastener		students at		2 wds.			20	Of uranium	134	Fiddler on the
	Musical theme		exams	149	Social affair or		badly?)		Of uranium		Roof role (fix the
•	(for an odd	99		140		37	Genus of olives	81	Cricket term		ol'pot?)
	•		King Cole		embankment		(in the aloe		(seen in a snob	135	Test, as a mineral
	team?)	100	Lustrous, smooth	149	Parasites,		family?)		all right!): 2 wds.		Scott case
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Hard Clues (cont.)

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- 5 Stowe character
- 6 Presidential middle name
- Enjoy very much
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- 9 Juan's river
- 10 Most viscid
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- 12 Word with sooth and nay
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- 15 Amorous lyric
- 16 Consumption
- 17 Carefree years
- 18 Snake-eyes

- 19 Airline
- 20 Typos
- 21 Unfinished copper products
- 22 Province
- 28 Haze
- 29 It precedes
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- aujourd'hui 37 Olive genus
- 38 Witty remark
- 39 Hirples
- 40 Interstate hauler
- 41 Ocean liners: Abbr.
- 42 Kind of kick or mat
- 43 Word at the doctor's office
- 44 On this side: Prefix
- 45 Classical girdles
- 46 Apothegm
- 47 Comic feature

- 48 Silent ones
- 49 Plagiarized
- 50 Seed's coat
- 51 Guru's destiny
- 53 Eden
- 54 Yucca's cousin
- 55 It gets a gold star
- 56 Like most rubber bands
- 57 Exchange
- 58 Wood sorrel acid
- 59 Best
- 60 Alamo and others
- 67 Heritor
- 68 Soup
- 69 Climbing plant
- 72 Projection
- 73 Likeness 74 Found in leaves and goldmines
- 75 Prepared
- 77 Greatly excited
- 78 French city famed for silk

- 79 Bounce
- 80 Astronomical
- 81 Unfair bowl in cricket
- 82 Ab_ (from the
- beginning)
- 83 Leather-making must
- 84 Like an unexpected
- result 85 South American
- herdsman
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- 92 Capital on the Williamette
- 93 Author of On the Beach
- 94 Intrigues
- 95 U.S. writer
- 96 ____ a million 97 Kind of rocket
- 98 Molts 100 Victors' song

- 102 Accompanied on "Yankee Doodle
 - Dandy'
- 106 Tourist
- attractions
- **107** Sole
- 108 Other garden blooms
- 109 Double feature, sometimes
- 111 Queens stadium
- 112 Of mountain
- making 113 Tropical wine
- drink
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- 120 Nobelist chemist, 1946
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- Nebraska 122 Make weary
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 - game
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- 135 Endeavor
- 137 Scott
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- 139 Glacé 140 Part of the leg
- 142 German writer Hoffmann
- 143 SHAEF arena
- 144 Reproductive cells
- 145 Vacation site

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A paper and pencil game for two players.

Equipment: One gamesheet and one pencil.

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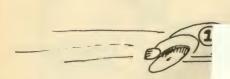
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An Experiment in Creativity and Good Will

e were wondering how we might celebrate our first birthday. Wouldn't it be interesting, we mused, to bring together as many people as possible (without anyone having to leave home!) for a gala, remote-control

"bring-your-own" party?

The vehicle for our long-distance get-together is a simple story for all to share in. At the top of the next page, we've written the first sentence of the story, and we'd like to invite you to add a second sentence and then pass it on to friends or relatives with a request to write a third sentence, and so on. Frankly, we have no idea how this will go. There are certainly no "right" or "wrong" answers. And there is no call to be highfalutin, literary, nor even grammatical about it, but just to contribute something and keep the ball rolling. The person who provides the tenth and final passage will try to tie up all the loose ends, bringing the story to a fitting (or an unfitting) conclusion, and then send it back to us at GAMES.

Suggested Guidelines

1. Do your own thing. In the spirit of the experiment, we hope everyone will feel free to play it by ear at all times. This rule supersedes all others.

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out, the better are your story's chances of surviving in one form or another to the end.

You may photocopy this page and the story-in-progress as many times as necessary to provide copies for each of your chosen successors. (Or you may want to photocopy the story sheet *before* you write on it, and send a different—custom-tailored?—continuation to each friend.)

Once you send your story to another person, don't *expect* to get it back, or to hear from subsequent participants, or from GAMES. It would be nice, however, if the tenth person sends a copy of the finished story back to the ninth, who sends it back to the eighth, and so on, so everyone can enjoy the fruits of their labors.

We suggest that each person along the line seek out new people, rather than recirculating the story to earlier contributors. There's nothing to say that the story has to end with the tenth person, or begin with the sentence we've provided. But if you are the person who ends the story, be sure to send it to GAMES, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y 10022.

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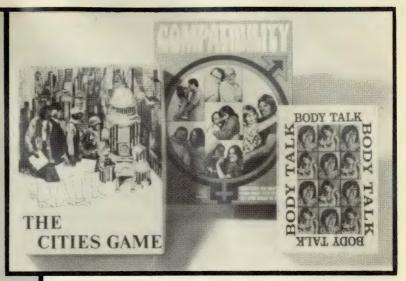
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The Jungle Game



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It's really dog-eat-dog in The Jungle Game, and the rules of play can be learned in just a few minutes.

The history of this old oriental game is uncertain,

though R. C. Bell suggests in *Board and Table Games From Many Civilisations* that it may be a simplified offshoot of Chinese Chess. Each of two players controls a set of pieces (see circular images on this page) representing animals. To begin the game, players arrange their pieces on the board squares (opposite page) with matching pictures—red pieces on one side, blue on the other—and they decide in any convenient fashion who will move first.

OBJECT

The first player to move an animal into the opponent's den is the winner.

MOVEMENT

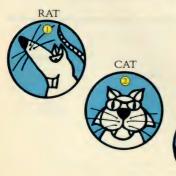
- 1. Players take turns moving one of their own pieces one square in any direction except diagonally.
- 2. No piece except the Rat may move onto any of the twelve blue "water" squares.
- 3. Lions and Tigers adjacent to any water square may use a turn to jump over the water in a horizontal or vertical direction, landing on the first square on the other side. They may not, however, jump over a water square occupied by a Rat.
 - 4. No piece may enter the den on its own side of the board.
- 5. No piece may move into a square occupied by another piece, except to make a capture (see below).

CAPTURE

6. An animal may "eat" (capture) an opponent's animal of equal or lower value, as indicated by the number printed on each piece, by moving on top of it. A captured animal is imme-

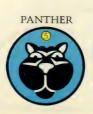
diately and permanently removed from play.

- 7. As an exception to Rule 6, a Rat may capture an Elephant. This rule apparently reflects the myth that a rat will run up an elephant's trunk and gnaw its brain. A Rat may not, however, capture an Elephant while moving out of the water. Though not specified in known versions of the rules, it seems reasonable to assume that, conversely, an Elephant may not capture a Rat.
 - 8. Lions and Tigers may make captures on jumping moves.
- 9. Since no other animals may enter the water, a Rat in the water can only be captured by the other Rat.
- 10. Animals of all types have their values reduced to zero while stationed on an opponent's trap. Thus an animal making a capture *into* an opponent's trap does so at full value but may then be captured by *any* opposing piece however low in rank. An animal stationed on any of its own traps has full value.
- 11. Optional (to avoid repetitious situations that might otherwise benefit a player who is about to lose): A player may not move an animal adjacent to an opponent's trap if the resulting board position has occurred previously during the game. —R.W.S. \square















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Lone Pine, **Proving Ground of Champions**

And never before in the history of U.S. and British chess has that future seemed more promising.

Former world champion Tigran Petrosian of the Soviet Union found that out earlier this year when he took on thirty of England's best young players in a simultaneous exhibition. Petrosian won only ten games, while losing nine and drawing eleven. For a top grandmaster, this result amounted to a debacle that would have been inconceivable six or seven years ago, and it is a direct measure of the skill and competitiveness of the current crop of players.

An equally sharp rise in the capabilities of young players has occurred in the United States. Whereas in 1972 there was not a single American master under the age of sixteen, by the end of 1977 there were four. During the same interval, the total number of masters below the age of twenty-one rose significantly from thirteen to twenty-two.

A crucial factor in the rapid and continuing development of young chess players has been the increased frequency of top quality "open" tournaments, where juniors are able to test and improve their skills against top masters who have been attracted by the relatively large money prizes. The undisputed king of such events is the annual Louis Statham Masters Plus Tournament, held for the eighth time this past April at Lone Pine, California. Conceived and organized by Los Angeles Times chess col-

generously subsidized by Statham, a millionaire chess aficionado, Lone Pine is on its way to becoming the premier annual international tournament of chess.

This past April, Lone Pine's \$36,000 in cash prizes lured such chess stars as Petrosian, perennial world championship candidates Lev Polugaevsky (U.S.S.R.), Bent Larsen (Denmark), and Lajos Portisch (Hungary), eighteen other grandmasters, and thirteen international mas-

After nine rounds, Danish grandmaster Bent Larsen, a superbly practical tournament player, emerged as winner of this star-studded event. So delighted was he with his victory and the \$12,000 accompanying it that he "was reportedly seen dancing through the street of Lone Pine (there's only one)," according to British grandmaster Anthony Miles, another tournament participant.

Because Lone Pine allows younger players to meet seasoned professionals of top rank, it is a virtual chess alchemist's dream. Here, year after year, talented but inexperienced youths are being turned into the chess stars of tomorrow

The standout performer among the younger players at this year's event was a twenty-seven-year-old national master from Los Angeles, Jack Peters, a former M.I.T. student who, seized with an uncommon passion for the game, swapped his studies for a chess career.

At Lone Pine, Peters surprisingly took four out of five points from his grand-

The future of chess is in its youth. umnist grandmaster Isaac Kashdan, and master opponents! Among his victims was three-time U.S. champion Walter Browne, whom Peters outplayed in the opening phase of their encounter and then devastated with a complex sacrificial attack for the win. With impressive ease, he also drew against Petrosian and Portisch, both currently among the top ten players in the world, to gain a tie for third in the sixty-eight player field.

> Obviously impressed by Peters was Isaac Kashdan, who prophesies: "In two or three years Peters may become the number one U.S. player. He definitely has the talent and the discipline." Halfway around the world, second place finisher Lev Polugaevsky echoed Kashdan's sentiments. Writing in the Soviet weekly chess newspaper 64, he called Peters the 'discovery'' of the tournament, "a versatile player, undaunted by big names. . . . I think," Polugaevsky concluded, "that one will have to earnestly reckon with Jack Peters in the near future."

> However these predictions turn out, Lone Pine has made all the difference in Peters' chess career. Already he has received invitations to play in several international tournaments outside the United States. And other players, some ten years younger than he, have reaped benefits from their Lone Pine experiences. In future years, some of them will no doubt post their own spectacular performances.

> Chess master Shelby Lyman was "chesscaster" of the historic public television coverage of the Fischer-Spassky match and is a syndicated columnist.

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PROBLEMS: Match wits with the masters from Lone Pine 1978

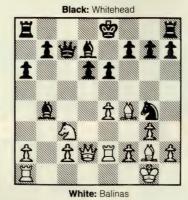
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White: Youngsworth A. White to move and win material.

Hint: Black's most central pawn is limited by its role of blocking out White's queen.

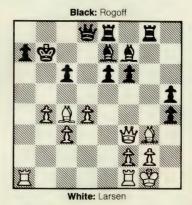
MEDIUM: Balinas-Whitehead



B. White to move and rescue his pinned knight.

Hint: Black's pin of White's knight is really a twoedged sword

HARD: Larsen-Rogoff



C. White to move and mate in four.

Hint: A sacrifice removes the last obstacles to the Black king.

Jumping Jubilee, continued from page 17.

much the same jumping ability." In this, modern social scientists may take comfort.

But what causes an otherwise lively frog to freeze on the launching pad (see box), take three desultory skips, or describe a disastrous semicircle around the stage? Probably the same thing that turns a run-of-the-mill amphibian into a champ.

"Is it possible," said Jubilee official Gary Blake, "that a sporting publication like GAMES is without an entry in the Media Frog Jump?"

It was possible, but not for long. "Tell you what I'm going to do," said Blake. "For two dollars—the price of an entry blank—I will give you the terrific jumper I have in my box."

And to tell you the truth, "21 Across" looked like a winner. He had thick, muscular legs. He had bright, intelligent eyes. During a practice jump, he nearly flagged down a passing Cessna.

Perhaps he was overtrained. Perhaps, as the sole representative of New York City, he was nervous. Whatever the reason, he merely crouched on the starting pad, entranced.

"Jump!" yelled your reporter, mortified by the giggles from the audience. And so he did—straight up, and back down onto my hand.

"Disqualified!" shouted a judge, as "21" promptly took off toward San Francisco. Maybe he was looking for Blake: funny about that, for I haven't seen Gary since. —A.M.

Whatever it is, Bruce Hamilton is not complaining. On the third day of this year's competition (after the Kiddies' Jump, Media Jump, Governor's Jump, and International Jump, among others, had been completed) his frog "Last Chance" (so named because it was the last of his ten frogs entered in the preliminaries) barely qualified for the Senior Finals with a good-but-not-great jump of sixteen feet two inches. Then, jumping third in the finals, Last Chance managed a leap of eighteen feet eleven inches. None of the forty-eight subsequent finalists could better that mark, so the twenty-four-year-old Sacramento carpenter took home the 1978 crown and three hundred dollars.

Drenched with champagne (well, it was really Coors beer) by his friends, Hamilton, who wears a silver frog earring in his left ear, was asked the secret of his success. "The frog god was looking after me," he replied.

It was a leap of faith indeed.

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EPISODE V: In Which Miss Sally Unveils "The McGonigle Coup"

uch to the dismay of established Congressional Club members (and I certainly count myself among that number), the chance pairing of Captain Diggery Piper and Sally McGonigle soon blossomed into a redoubtable partnership. In the months to come, Sally and the Captain were destined to run roughshod over their competition, the one constantly distracting all opposing teams with her auburn tresses, dove-gray eyes, and totally arbitrary bidding techniques, the other effortlessly extricating himself from the preposterous contracts into which his cohort regularly plunged him

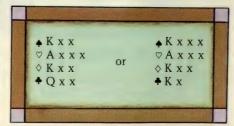
But the havoc they wreaked was hardly restricted to offense. The deal you see above proves that La McGonigle's unnerving mixture of ineptitude and wide-eyed luck seemed to prevail regardless of who was declarer.

Hearing a diamond opening on my right, a heart response on my left, and a jump rebid preceded by a vulnerable double from across the table, I quickly deduced that some shameless point-shading was going on. Nor did I suspect that the culprit was my partner, Senator Marcus L. Witherspoon of Missouri, who, once he put aside his constituents' concerns, seldom promised more than he was prepared to deliver. And so, trusting my intuition and the extra strength advertised in the good Senator's second double, I hazarded a game bid in spades.

The diamond two was led, Witherspoon's splendid dummy came down, and I reveled in the accuracy of my judgment. We figured to set their three heart contract one trick at most for a maximum score of 100, while four spades—at least the way I was ready to play it—was virtually a laydown. How well I knew the terrain. Hadn't I seen variations of

this very theme in scores of Goren, Truscott, and Sheinwold columns? Wasn't I intimately familiar with the well-deserved fate of the greedy South who opts for a finesse on the opening lead, only to watch with horror as East plays the King and gives West the ruff that ultimately defeats the contract?

My analysis of the count was both rapid and complete. I could see ten diamonds from where I sat, so Sally must have bid that suit holding three to the King and no five-card major. Now, I admit it did not take a genius to envision her hand as something like this:



but I was nonetheless rather pleased with myself. And whichever of the two possible distributions she held, I was ready for her. The key, of course, is to rise with the diamond Ace, avoiding the doomed diamond hook, and to follow right up with the Ace of trumps, spurning the highly unpromising spade finesse as well. Now the surrender of a spade assures that West has been voided of trumps and deprives the defense of its setting trick.

I called for the diamond Ace and calmly regarded Sally's play of the trump four as one of her usual antics. I smiled—perhaps a tad patronizingly—and allowed Diggery to alert the revoke.

"Miss Sally," he said, "you really must follow suit."

"Don't have any diamonds," she said. It was at this point that I began to experience genuine concern. "What?" I shouted. "You bid them, didn't you?"

"Heck, no. I bid one club and three

hearts. Why would I go and bid a suit I'm plum out of?"

A mephistophelian grin made its way across Diggery's face as he said: "I know this maneuver well. It came up once in last Monday's game and twice the week before that. 'The McGonigle Coup,' as I have dubbed it, is a bidding stratagem of surpassing delicacy—an unconscious, lead-directing psyche, to be exact. Once Miss Sally has misdescribed her hand, her innocent partner, suffering under the delusion that he is simply leading her bid suit, unwittingly induces declarer to make the one play that puts the contract out of reach. If, for example, you had called for any diamond but the Ace here, I dare say your four spades would have been safe, even granting the ruff. That's the way this extraordinary coup seems to operate. Am I correct?"

I did not give him the satisfaction of hearing just how correct he was.

"Now just one minute," Witherspoon blustered. "Isn't that bid unethical?"

"Not," the Captain hastened to explain, "if the bidder doesn't know what in the world she's . . . that is, not if one is entirely unaware of one's oversight."

Once the damage was done and I had lost a spade, a heart, a diamond, and the ruff for down one, Sally's sole concern was with her partner's bidding. She pulled Piper's cards from their container, scrutinized his holding, and shook her head dolefully from side to side.

"Why in glory'd you bid those weak ol' hearts?" she asked. "I really think you should've supported my clubs instead. After all, we did have nine of them."

"You're quite right," Diggery replied. "It's a mistake I shan't make twice."

NEXT EPISODE: The Soho Strip.

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•1978 Terry Quinn



Moments of Decision

he backgammon boom has still not leveled off. Whereas two years ago there were only a few local clubs, today most large U.S. cities, and many foreign ones as well, boast at least one club. All of the problems below occurred in club games, and they demonstrate the skill with which unknown local players move the men at backgammon.

Diagram One occurred during a game played at Pips International in Beverly Hills. Red is ready to begin bearing off and White must maintain a good defense for as long as possible so that when and if Red leaves a blot, White will win the game if he is able to hit it. The roll White had to play was 4-3, and the choice for his play was Q-X. (A dash indicates that one man is moved more than one of the dice.) White could have made the "normal" play of QU QT to give himself a better chance to make an inside prime, but he would then have been in difficulty if he were to throw a 6 on his next turn. By keeping a man in his outer board instead, White was able to handle the 6-2 roll he threw next without having to break up his back

Diagram Two occurred in a local game in Boston. White had to play 6-2, and he agonized for some minutes wondering what to do. He had a choice of either playing LR MO in an attempt to go all out to remake his 6-point—and a prime to boot—or SY WY to make his 1-point. It was a close decision, but he correctly picked the latter play, reasoning that a five-point inner board-even without the 6-point—was just too strong to pass up, and that with the alternative play of bringing two builders down, there was no guarantee he would remake his 6point anyway. Note that both options leave two blots and four ways of being hit, so that this circumstance did not affect White's decision.

In Diagram Three, taken from a game at the Mayfair Club in New York, White had a crucial double 2 to play. Knocking off Red on the 11-point was forced, and now the question was whether or not he should steam ahead with K-O'S (the apostrophe indicates that a man is hit) and get him that much closer to home. In practice White wisely opted for the alternative play K—O' WY2. This superb play was rewarded, for Red threw 5-3 and was helpless. It is true that by breaking his inner board White made it easier for Red to enter, but he left Red only eight return shots rather than the fourteen shots which the running play would have left.

Diagram Four occurred during a State Championship sponsored by the Honolulu Backgammon Club this past April. Eventual winner Bobby Krewson as White had to play an interesting roll of double 1. Again there occurred an unusual case of board-breaking, Krewson playing OP' XY3. Red entered as expected, but White was able to hop over him at his next turn to win. The other choice. OP'-S, would not only have left Red more return shots, but would have done something else equally undesirable: by holding only the 1-point, White would allow Red to enter on any roll except double 1, while there would be four rolls that would keep Red out if White held both the 1 and 2 points; and if Red had stayed on the bar, he might have gotten another crack at hitting when White bore off additional men.

Diagram Five is taken from a tournament in Portuguese Macau last December. With the cube on 8, it was White's turn to play a roll of 5-2. What pressure! With either of the two good choices (VZ WY'or VZ XZ), a blot is left that can be hit with a 1. And so, White decided to take off two men (VZ XZ) instead of one. Red threw 3-2 and could not move, but White's next roll was a nightmarish 5-3 which left a double shot. Red hit one of the blots and went on to win the game. Indeed, White was unfairly punished; for whether or not he hit, Red would have been forced to flee if he had thrown a 4 or higher with either die. Odds-wise, then, White had nothing to lose by his play, and taking off the extra man could have been decisive in such a close situation. As so often happens, however, making the right percentage play backfired. Such is backgammon, a game played with dice which are utterly without conscience.

Now it is the reader's turn. You are playing White in each of these problems: (a) In Diagram One, how would you handle a roll of double 4? (b) Skipping to Diagram Three, if your roll is 4-3, should you hit and run, or should you just pass the blot on the 11-point? (c) In Diagram Four, how do you play a roll of 3-1? (d) How do you manage a throw of 2-1 in Diagram Five? (e) In the same diagram, you have not rolled yet, and the cube is at 2. Should you redouble?

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Prince Joli Kansil, top-ranking player in Hawaii, is the inventor of Bridgette and several other games.

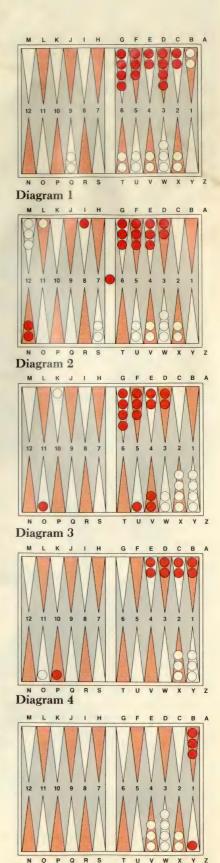


Diagram 5

Tarkenton recalls. (The Vikings also used to play a variety of poker called Hokey-Pokey, a game of luck that required no brains. "Bill Brown was the best man on the team at Hokey-Pokey," Tarkenton says.)

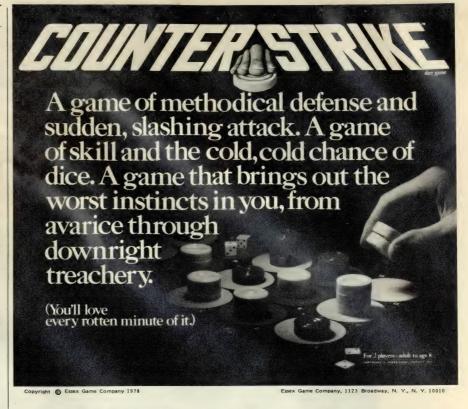
The bridge game began back in 1962 when Tarkenton and Brown became teammates, and it lasted for five years, until Fran was traded to the New York Giants. Then the game was suspended for five years and resumed, in 1972, when Tarkenton was traded back to Minnesota. Tarkenton was the best bridge player of the foursome, according to his own calculations, but the word around the league was that he could only make the Small Slams, he couldn't make the big ones.

Tom Seaver, the Cincinnati pitcher, has often been accused of thinking, and he pleads guilty to the charge. When he is not thinking about his pitching motion and the hitters, he is usually thinking about the crossword puzzle in the New York Times. Seaver spent the first ten years of his major-league career in New York where he became hooked on the *Times* puzzle. When you pitch only once every five days, it is easy to pick up habits like that. Because of his habit, Seaver is now the leading source in the National League on where to go in each of the league's twelve cities to purchase a Times. In the good cities, it is right in the lobby of the hotel where the team stays. Sometimes Seaver must go to other hotels. Sometimes he must go to newsstands. He has all the stops down pat. "It's really tough when you play exhibition games against minor league teams," Seaver says. "I mean, it's not easy to buy a Times in Indianapolis.

Seaver often finishes the *Times* puzzle by himself (never less than 45 minutes), but sometimes he needs relief help. He gets it from Cincinnati's two other crossword addicts, pitching coach Larry Sheppard and catcher Johnny Bench.

When he was a New York Met, Seaver used to get help from my all-time favorite baseball player, outfielder George Theodore. George was not a great player, but he was one of the very few who read Tarot cards, believed in ESP, and considered himself a disciple of Edgar Cayce. On the Met team bus, while Seaver was doing crossword puzzles, Theodore would read e.e. cummings. The manager in those days was Yogi Berra, and Yogi would look over Theodore's shoulder and see the poems without any punctuation and it would drive him crazy. That is the one game all athletes play: It is called driving the manager crazy.

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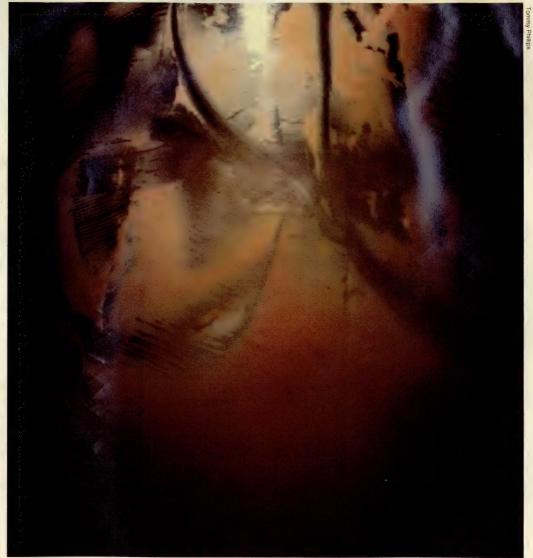
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CONTEST RESULTS





1. Carter Caviar

Well, dear readers—we're even. You've thoroughly bent our eyeballs with hundreds of contest entries (May/June, page 49). We saw a potato imitate the surface of Mars, a swarm of horrible little creatures which turned out to be rust on sheet metal, a starfish which was actually an umbrella, a flashlight lens which could have been a still from a monster movie...and you would have sworn the bottom of that light bulb was a doorbell.



The names of the contest winners appear here with their photos, but there were so many good entries that we'll be printing more in future issues. First prize of a Polaroid SX-70 Camera goes to Tommy Phillips of Broomfield, Colorado. All honorable mentions, immortalized in this or any subsequent issue, will receive a GAMES T-shirt.

In any case, good luck trying to guess what these are. We're still squinting.

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LetUs Reason Together

or lovers of logic, here are three problems to be cracked under the relentless assault of your reason. We don't think you'll have much trouble locating the Riley Service Stations. To get new solvers started, we've set up a grid that can be used to solve the puzzle, and we've filled in the information that can be deduced from the first clue. Sim-

ply continue filling in boxes—using a check for a positive match, and an X for a negative one-with the help of information gleaned from subsequent clues. The solution will emerge by process of elimination. Find the Joker is a different kind of puzzle, best solved inductively (by trial and error) using a pack of cards. Speaking of jokers, the infamous Al Perlman strikes again with Speaking of Magazines. He says it isn't as tough as his previous puzzles in GAMES (he calls it an "easy cerebral"), but you will need to set up your own grid if you value your sanity. (On the other hand, if you find it too easy, just wait until you see the one he's working on now: it's a Bibliophilic Brouhaha with thirty-nine clues!)

Answer Drawer, page 64

RILEY SERVICE STATIONS by Paul R. McClenon

The four service stations in the town of Riley are well scattered, each being the farthest out in one and only one of the four main compass directions, and none being perfectly aligned in any compass direction with any other. For example,

the easternmost station is not also the most northern, nor is it due east of the westernmost station.

Your job is to use the nine given facts to determine the relative locations and oil company affiliations of the stations owned and operated by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gainor, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Tanner (whose first names are, not respectively, Pluto, Arch, Bernie, and Mitch).

- 1. Pluto's station is west of Shell.
- 2. Arch's station is west of Mitch's.
- 3. Mr. Wilson has the southernmost station.
- 4. Mitch's station is south of Shell.
- 5. Mr. Gainor has never been to Shell.
- 6. Bernie's station is east of Gulf.
- 7. Mitch's station is west of Texaco.
- 8. Mr. Bishop's station is east of Shell.
- 9. Bernie's station is south of Exxon.

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SPEAKING OF MAGAZINES by Al B. Perlman



It's no secret that different people get their jollies in different ways, but what really amazes me is that no matter how far-out a game might be, there's a publication put out solely for its loyal devotees. Like, I was drinking lunch with my friend Will Shakespeare the other day, and he said to me: "There are more magazines in heaven and earth, Perlman, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.'

I guess Will happens to know this because he delivers mail for the Post Office while taking this cockamamie correspondence course in playwriting, and his delivery route includes the very posh Hirsute Arms Apartment House.

number of publications devoted to their favorite recreations. Today's delivery schedule included ten publications you've probably never even heard of. There were five monthlies: The Hula Hoopist (every issue comes up with some new twists that bring joy to the nation's chiropractors), The Tic-Tac-Toe Review (your subscription includes a pencil and a couple of sheets of blank paper), The Yo-Yo Fancier (subscribe now and receive several free yo-yospositively no strings attached to this offer), The Tobacco Spitter (a cuspidor and mop included with every subscription), and The Snipe Hunter (if you fail All the residents at Hirsute Arms get a to renew your subscription, you'll be left

weeklies: The Hopscotch Advocate Hopscotch Advocate. stuffed into one phone booth), The Poshots of superstars in the sack), The Shuffleboarder (just casually carry it around and people will assume you have your own yacht), and The Pie Eater (for people who compete in pie-eating contests—a free stomach pump with every subscription)

Unfortunately for Will, it rained today. And when he began pulling the magazines from his not-too-waterproofed sack, he found all the labels stuck together in a gummy mess. Undaunted ("Neither snow, nor rain . . . "), Will sat down in the lobby to figure out which magazines to stuff into the mailboxes of the Altmans, the Becks, the Clarks, the Donovans, the Engels, the Falks, the Gardiners, the Hansens, the Ibsens, and the Judsons.

It so happens that each of the ten periodicals has three subscribers among the residents of the Hirsute Arms, but no two families get more than one magazine in common. Will remembered that each family subscribes to either two monthlies and one weekly, or two weeklies and one monthly

Inasmuch as each family has an entire floor to themselves, you can, by close examination of the facts Will could remember, determine who lives where as well as which three magazines Will eventually put in their mailboxes. Here are the facts that Will was sure about:

1. The families on the 1st and 10th floors, as well as the Clarks, all get The Tobacco Spitter.

The Hansens and the Gardiners, as well as the family on the 10th floor, subscribe to The Pie Eater.

3. The families who get The Shuffleboarder all live on odd-numbered floors. 4. The Becks, who live directly above

the Hansens, subscribe to The Tic-Tac-Toe Review, The Tobacco Spitter, and The Pie Eater.

5. The families that subscribe to The Telephone Booth Stuffer all live on even-numbered floors

6. None of the families above the 6th floor gets The Hopscotch Advocate.

7. The Falks, who get The Telephone Booth Stuffer plus two monthlies, live directly above the Engels, whose subscriptions include The Yo-Yo Fancier and The Potato Sack Racer.

8. Among the families on floors 1, 2, and 3—one of whom is the Donovans one gets The Hopscotch Advocate, another gets The Shuffleboarder, while one 4. At least one Queen borders on anothof the remaining weeklies is subscribed to by all three.

family that subscribes to The Tobacco

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(comes with twenty feet of sidewalk and 10). The Judsons, whose subscriptions a box of chalk), The Telephone Booth include The Snipe Hunter and The Hop-Stuffer (devoted to the classic art of see- scotch Advocate, live directly above and ing how many college students can be below families who get The Potato Sack Racer

tato Sack Racer (specializing in action 11) Subscribers to The Yo-Yo Fancier are the Altmans and the family on the 8th floor, and also the family whose other subscriptions are for The Tic-Tac-Toe Review and The Potato Sack Racer.

12. The same monthly goes to the Judsons and the family on the 7th floor, and also to the family whose other subscriptions are for The Hula Hoopist and The Telephone Booth Stuffer.

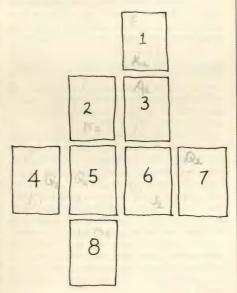
13. The family on the 5th floor subscribes to The Tobacco Spitter, The Hula Hoopist, and The Hopscotch Advocate.

14. The Falks do not subscribe to The Tic-Tac-Toe Review, The Yo-Yo Fancier, or The Tobacco Spitter.

15. The same monthly goes to the Ibsens, the Becks, and also the family on the 3rd floor.

16. The Hansens do not receive The Tic-Tac-Toe Review, The Yo-Yo Fancier, or The Tobacco Spitter.

FIND THE JOKER by Will Phiz



Eight cards are lying face down in the arrangement shown. One of them is the Joker. Each of the other cards is either a Jack, a Queen, or a King. Given the information below, can you determine where the Joker must be?

1. No Queen borders on the Joker.

2. Every Jack is sandwiched between two Queens.

3. There is at least one Jack.

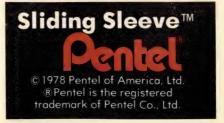
er Queen.

5. No King borders on a Jack.

The Ibsens live directly above the 6. At least one Queen is between two Kings.



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GAME CHEST



Cosmic Encounter

Cosmic Encounter from Eon Products. around \$10, expansion kits available for around \$4

Cosmic Encounter is so much fun to play that you forget how strategic a game it really is. In a sci-fi setting, each of two to four players (expansion kits bring two more into the action) guides the destiny of an alien power whose aim is to establish five intergalactic colonies. At the start, each power controls a star system containing five planets, each inhabited by four tokens of that power's color.

A player starts a turn by drawing a colored disc to determine which star system can be attacked. The player then chooses an opponent's base on any of the five planets in that system, points the "hyper-space cone" at the targeted tokens, removes from one to four of his own tokens from existing bases, and places them at the offensive end of the cone. Each of the two combatants then picks a "challenge card" from the hand he has been dealt. The number on the card, which varies from four to thirty, is added to the tokens that player has at stake. High total wins and takes (or retains) possession of the base; the loser's tokens go to the "warp," a cosmic holding tank where they must remain until a special card is drawn and played to release them.

But play is rarely that simple. The two combatants can seek out allies and are usually able to talk one or more of the other players into sharing in the fortune or misfortune of the ensuing battle. (One dastardly strategy is to lure "allies" into a battle which you plan to lose.) Also, instead of a numbered card, a player can choose to play a "compromise card." If only one player so chooses, he loses the battle, but receives compensation in the form of cards taken from his opponent's hand. (In a game of war like this one, it's nice to see peaceful intentions rewarded.) When both players use compromise cards they call off the fight and arrange a deal.

All very interesting, but the unique twist of this game is the special power possessed by each alien. These powers are drawn from a set of fifteen (or more if the expansion kits are used) at the start of the game. Particular favorites of mine are the "Virus," whose power during a battle multiplies the number of his committed tokens by the number on his challenge



Isolation

card, and the "Trader," who can swap hands with his enemy. Though certain powers seem superior to others, all players have a reasonable chance of winning.

Further surprises are introduced by the "edict cards" found in the challenge deck. Among these are the "Cosmic Zap," which robs an opponent of his special power for the duration of the battle, and "The Plague," which can be donated to a deserving oppo-

It may sound complicated, but the rules are simple enough to learn in about fifteen minutes. Playing time can substantially exceed the manufacturer's estimate of forty-five minutes.

Isolation from Lakeside Games, around \$6.

Here is a game for two players that takes only a minute to learn and five minutes to play-a game that is, in fact, innovative, well-made, and diabolically fascinating.

The board is a hollow grid of 6 x 8 squares. You prepare the grid by filling in the hollow spaces with plastic platforms. You then position your pawn on its starting square. (Each player has only one pawn.)

To play the game, you move your pawn one space to any adjacent square and then punch out any platform on the board. The object is to eliminate spaces in such a way as to isolate your opponent's pawn. It's like having the ground taken away from under your feet. You just keep moving and punching until you or your opponent is surrounded by an abyss and cannot move.

I like everything about this game. Just punching out the platforms gives me a fiendish sense of power. And then, suddenly discovering that my pawn is on the brink, faced on every side by the yawning gulf of unbridgeable void . . . well, it's delightfully horrible! -B.D.K.

Hare and Tortoise from Intellect Games, around \$10; available by mail for £4.95 plus postage from the Games Centre, 16 Hanway St., London W1A 2LS, England.

Hare and Tortoise may at first seem like kid stuff. And while there's no reason why a reasonably alert ten-year-old can't play the game, there's also no reason for an alert adult to



Hare and Tortoise

As the name suggests, we have here a race game (for two to six players). And true to the fable, early front-runners can easily find themselves lagging behind at the finish. What's more, the players themselves decide, individually, to what extent chance will be involved in the outcome—though to a very large degree, winning depends on careful thinking and plan-

The basic idea is very simple: to advance on the board you have to pay-and fittingly enough, the currency in use is carrots. Each player receives the same quantity of carrots at the outset, and with them buys the right to move ahead.

The catch is that the cost of moving ahead increases in direct proportion to speed. To move one square, for instance, requires just one carrot; to move, say, four squares sets you back ten carrots; and should you decide to go full-throttle and dash on for twenty squares, you burn up over two hundred carrots-far more than the number with which

Not that you're limited to your initial allotment. There are provisions for replenishing your supply of carrots enroute. One way, curiously, is to move backwards to a tortoise square—a move that costs you nothing but time, and pays you ten carrots for each square you cross to get there. Another way is to move forward to a lettuce square where you pause for a turn to "chew a lettuce," and then collect an amount of carrots equal to ten times your position in the field at that point; ten carrots if you're in first place, thirty for third, and so on.

A good strategy seems to be: play it cool, bank a bushel-full of carrots, and then sprint for the flag. (But there's a catch: you aren't allowed to cross the line with more than twenty carrots in your possession.)

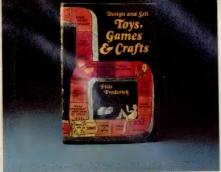
If that doesn't work, you can always decide to take a chance by "jugging the hare"-stopping on a hare square and drawing a card that may (or may not) result in improving your posi-

Hare and Tortoise, very popular in England since it first appeared there about five years ago, has been a real sleeper in the United States. But now some of the major toy stores and departments over here are carrying the game, and it's definitely worth searching for.

-Roger Verhulst

BOOK SHELF







The Official Scrabble® Players Dictionary (G. & C. Merriam Co., 1978, 672 pages, hardcover, \$7.95)

For many years, players of SCRABBLE® have used Funk & Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary as the official authority to determine what words are allowable in tournaments, clubs, and coffee houses. Because not all forms of words are spelled out in Funk & Wagnalls, serious players developed rules of interpretation that often lead to surprising and even absurd results.

According to one such rule, any word of one syllable could be compared (that is, given an -er or -est ending) if its first listing was as an adjective. This rule allowed words like ICED, ICEDER, and ICEDEST, or even worse, MAIST (Scottish for "most"), MAISTER, and MAISTEST; while SMARTER and QUIETER had to be disallowed since they neither appeared in the dictionary nor fell within the "automatic comparison" rule (SMART is listed first as a verb, and QUIET has two syllables).

An even more vexing problem involved the inflection of words on special lists. Does out-LIE take a D, meaning "outfibbed," or does it change to OUTLAY and OUTLAIN? And can verb endings be tacked onto OVERWARM or is it only an adjective? Other troublesome areas include finding a word listed out of alphabetical order (e.g. ARTAL is listed only under ROTL).

The Official scrabble® Players Dictionary compiled by Selchow & Righter (manufacturers of SCRABBLE®), is designed to end these problems by listing every acceptable form of every acceptable word in alphabetical order or, in the case of derivative words (IVYLIKE from IVY, ZEBRAIC from ZEBRA), within two entries of alphabetical order. Only a single, very brief definition of each word is given, without any information on pronunciation, syllabication, or derivation:

PICKAX V. -ED, -ING, -ES to use a pickax (a tool for breaking hard surfaces) PICKAXE V. -AXED, -AXING, -AXES to pickax

The scrabble® dictionary has deleted only a few words from Funk & Wagnalls-notably trademark names such as XEROX, KLEENEX, and PYREX (a sensitive subject to the people at Scrabble); the foreign words JA and OUI; adjectival comparisons of dubious validity; and certain plurals like gos, jos, and MAGIS (the

reasons for the deletion of which are unclear).

The only real shortcoming in the book is the fact that words of more than eight letters are included only when they are inflections of shorter words. It is true that inclusion of longer words would have increased the size and cost of the book, but a reasonable compromise might have been to include long words that can be formed by adding prefixes such as ANTI-, NON-, OVER-, and DIS-, as these are the words which will most often require players to resort to a second dictionary.

The book does, however, contain a great number of words not found in Funk & Wagnalls. Numerous slang and informal words (BIO, CELEB, ZAP), interjections (OW, AW, ER, SHH), foreign words (MBIRA, QINTAR, XU), and scientific terms (BYTE, KILORAD) have been added, together with comparative and superlative forms of many two-syllable adjectives, nouns formed by adding -ER to verbs, and "unconventional" four-letter words that may raise a few eyebrows.

The addition of words containing a o without a U will hearten many players for whom the dread tile is a real bugaboo, but the change that will have the greatest impact on play is the substantial increase, from sixtynine to eighty-five, in the number of allowable two-letter words. This will make defensive play much more difficult and may well increase players' average scores by as much as ten percent. Only time will tell whether this is a change which improves or detracts from the game.

-R.W.S.

Design and Sell Toys, Games & Crafts by Filis Frederick (Chilton Book Co., 1977, 166 pages, black and white illustrations, large format hardcover, \$12.50)

Will this book draw you a road map to riches in the wonderful world of playthings? Will you now be able to market your toys, games, and crafts successfully? Regrettably, the answer is "probably not." The book is well-researched and well-written, but the odds against breaking into this highly competitive field are formidable.

Be that as it may, Ms. Frederick brings excellent credentials to the task. A prolific creator herself, she has also seen the other side

of this multibillion dollar industry as an employee of Transogram, Mattel, Goldfarb-Benkoe, and Cadillac (toys, not cars, though her discovery of paint-by-numbers enabled her bosses to drive new pink Cadillacs). And from her book you will learn the importance of the right name, potential cost factors, pointers on writing directions, how to construct models and protect your idea from being stolen (explaining also why you'll have to sign an Idea Disclosure Document), and what method to use for testing your design. The chapter on how to sell your idea to a manufacturer is the least satisfactory, primarily because there is no magic formula for success. So much is a matter of timing, and of luck, and who can say how to cultivate good fortune? (Those who have enjoyed success try, and a dozen or so of their stories are included)

If you think you have a good idea and are willing to invest a lot of time and probably money placing it with a manufacturer, you will find some useful information in this book. But the most crucial lesson remains mundane: study the field! Ms. Frederick offers no guarantees, just a methodical approach to a very unmethodical process

---S.S.

Chess Is My Life: Autobiography and Games by Viktor Korchnoi, translated by Ken Neat (Arco Publishing Co., 1978, 167 pages, hardcover, \$8.95)

Viktor Korchnoi's Best Games by Viktor Korchnoi, translated by Ken Neat (David McKay Co., 1978, 293 pages, hardcover,

The autobiography of self-exiled, Soviet grandmaster Victor Korchnoi is, in fact, two books. It is, on the one hand, a step-by-step chronicle of the chess development of the man who is now challenging World Champion Anatoly Karpov for his title. On the other hand, the book is a relentless and bitterly subjective diatribe against Soviet society, Soviet practices, and Soviet chess personalities. Even Korchnoi's annotations of games with Karpov and ex-World Champion Tigran Petrosian become occasions for spiteful sarcasm.

From his youth, Korchnoi has clearly been at odds with his surroundings, exacerbated,

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Letters, continued from page 7

ample, numerous pictures from the tombs that show people "playing senet" (the inscriptions over the pictures say so), but the pieces are depicted as opposing teams on opposite sides! Also the modern Arab game of tab es-siga, thought to be a descendant of senet, is played in just this way.

Senet was played with from five to ten pieces per player, but the usual number seems to have been seven. Square 15 is marked on some boards probably because it is the first open square in a game played with seven pieces per player.

Contrary to Mr. Carder's statement that there is little consistency in the designs on the ancient senet boards, they are very consistent and went through a very logical development. While the earlier boards bore only simple signs and numbers and the later examples bore more fanciful signs and even pictures, the meanings of the last five squares (26-30) were always: good, bad, 3, 2, 1. The original signs are always recalled in the later, more elaborate variants. The numbers (3, 2, 1 or 3, 2, blank) are crucial to the play of the game, and they seem to have been completely ignored by Mr. Carder.

As for Mr. Carder's rules, I have found no evidence that all pieces have to move into rows 2 or 3 before the pieces can exit from the board. And no senet board that I know of carries designs on the last five squares even remotely similar to those he describes.

Scrabble, continued from page 11.

the position of longtime companion toyou guessed it-Senkiewicz. In a tense and emotional match, Felstein dropped Senkiewicz, and cost him the tournament (he finished 3rd). It was small compensation that both earned the respect of their colleagues for their ill-considered integrity.

As the final scores were tallied, it was clear that a mild upset had occurred. The winner was David Prinz (San Francisco) who although highly regarded was felt to be a little green. Prinz, twenty-five, is a modest statistical analyst, and he credits his rise to Scrabble preeminence to a match he played in 1974 against Bernie Wishengrad (6th). Through clever strategy and dictionary smarts, Wishengrad had obliterated Prinz, but Prinz began to see the need for cunning tactics as well as word knowledge and today sits atop the Scrabble heap, to the delight of his parents, who proudly witnessed the awards ceremony.

As the Summit's waiters (who claimed to have radically improved their vocabularies during the tournament) cleared away the final roast chicken and Wayne Schmittberger annotated the final moves (see page 12), an unfamiliar quiet settled over the Summit Penthouse. I felt an insatiable need to play, a visceral, almost atavistic penchant to disport jargon with aplomb, or perhaps élan. Quixotic, eh, but I'd be a tatty gink to deny it, and will somebody please tell me how to get rid of this Z?

Joe Schick is a contributing editor to GAMES.

A GAMES MAGAZINE CONTEST

Treetings

Grand Prize: Webster's Third New International Dictionary, 2,663-page unabridged edition.

Four Individual Prizes: The Greeting Card Writer's Handbook.

Meet the poor, bewildered editor of the "If You Care A Lot Send Something Else" Greeting Card Co. He's in deep trouble because his entire creative staff went out to lunch and never came back. They left him holding the bag (of unfinished cards) and now he's turning to you for help. Two of the cards were half done and only needed inside messages. A third was designated "Valentine" but nothing was written for it. And a fourth was as blank as the editor's mind. Actually it

was that fourth card that drove the creative department to split. It seems the editor had asked for something new, fresh, different. Something that had never been done before; something like:

CONGRATULATIONS ON
LEARNING THE METRIC
SYSTEM...
NOW YOU CAN TAKE ME TO YOUR
LITER
or
SO YOU HAD QUADRUPLETS...
WELL, FOUR
CRYING OUT LOUD!

As you can see from the samples below, the harried editor struggled to

complete Cards 1, 2, and 3 but he wasn't happy with the results, and he never did get to Card 4. And now it's up to you to help him out. The object of this contest is to write inside messages for Cards 1 and 2 following their opening lines; write a complete (outside and inside) Valentine for Card 3; and/or create a new occasion and write a complete message for Card 4. You may do any one, or as many as all four. Prizes will be awarded for the card we like best in each group, with a Grand Prize for the one we consider the best of the bunch. There is no word limit, but remember what the bard said about brevity being the soul of wit. And the decision of the judges is final.

—Gloria Rosenthal

Clip or copy coupon and mail to: Greetings! GAMES Magazine, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries must be received by October 2, 1978.

1. BIRTHDAY

I CAN TELL IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY BECAUSE...

(sample) THE GLOW FROM YOUR CANDLES WARMS MY HEART...AND HEATS UP THE HOUSE.

(your line)_

2 CET WELL

YOUR DOCTOR SAYS YOU GOT TO HIM IN THE NICK OF TIME... (sample) HIS CAR PAYMENT WAS ABOUT DUE.

(your line)_

3. VALENTINE

(sample) THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT TRANSPLANTS...I GAVE MY HEART TO YOU A LONG TIME AGO.

(your lines)

outside_

inside_

4. YOUR CREATION

occasion____

outside___

inside__

Name___

____Street Address____

Zip

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no doubt, by an "eccentric" mother, a religious education, a family background of Polish nobility, and an early debilitating poverty.

Reflecting on his own career, Korchnoi displays a remarkable ability for self-criticism and growth as he learns and improves from doing battle with the giants of the chess world. Readers will be delighted by such revelations as: "There came a time when I realized that the ability to defend was—for a good chess player—insufficient. You can't be dependent upon your opponent's will, but must try to impose your will on him. I realized that I was restricting my possibilities both as a person and as a chess player. From childhood I had known how to defend and nothing more."

Despite the seemingly outspoken and revealing nature of his writing, there is much about himself which Korchnoi does not and cannot tell us. The book is, after all, an intense effort in self-justification. The reader should know, for example, that this superb chess player apparently must "hate" his opponents in order to play his best. This peculiarity is no doubt the origin of such nicknames as "angry Korchnoi" and "the devil." According to Korchnoi, the "pleasant and witty Simagin" (the late Soviet grandmaster) once asked: "Why does he look at me with such malice as if I had slaughtered all of his family down to the sixth generation?" But Korchnoi merely shrugs off Simagin's query with the not-so-convincing: "To be honest, competitive malice is not something that I practice.

The book does not cover Korchnoi's recent match with Boris Spassky (who found cause to complain that his rival was "glowering at him"). At a critical point in that struggle, Korchnoi demanded that the curtain on the playing stage be lowered to thwart the efforts of alleged KGB agents who were aiming "rays" at him from the audience. Later he apologized for his "shameful behavior," recovered his composure, and won the match.

(After the match, when interviewed by Tony Miles for the New Statesman, he asserted that Spassky had been using "hypnosis" while they played. According to Miles, "Korchnoi claimed he could feel his bones going numb when under the influence.")

For all that the book does not reveal, this brief autobiography (the text includes thirty-six pages of mostly unannotated games) should nonetheless prove to be fascinating and useful to its author's severest critics, as well as his strongest admirers.

Viktor Korchnoi's Best Games is an unauthorized collection of sixty previously published, annotated games. Since over two-thirds of the annotations are by Korchnoi, the book will be welcomed by many chess players, despite Korchnoi's public repudiation of it on the grounds that its publication is financially harmful to him.

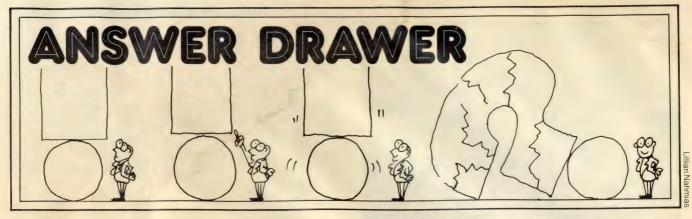
-Shelby Lyman

The Crossworder's List Book by John E. Brown and Margaret H. Brown (St. Martin's Press, 1977, 156 pages, paperback, \$3.95).

Stuck for a five-letter horse (SHIRE), an eight letter composer (SIBELIUS), or a seven-letter English cathedral (CARDIFF)? Then arm yourself against the slings and arrows of outrageous crossword compilers with this book of over 30,000 words arranged, alphabetically and by length, in subject lists.

—PM W





Warmup Puzzle (Page 25)

ACROSS

- 1 Concealed word clue. A team trainer is a coach. The word is "hiding" in "Mexico a chubby.
- 4 Reversal clue. To argue against is to REBUT. "Tuber" spelled backwards, or "returned" is REBUT.
- 5 Anagram clue. Faithful is LOYAL. The word is an anagram, or "recasting" of "alloy."

DOWN

- 1 Second definition clue. Ms. Channing is CAROL. A Christmas song is also CAROL
- 2 Homonym clue. A monastery is an ABBEY. The word sounds like ("we hear") "Abby," the newspaper advice columnist.
- 3 Charade clue. Lodging is a HOTEL. "Very warm" is HOT, which is found before (or "on," since this is a vertical word in the puzzle) the "elevated train" or EL.

Crossword à l'Anglaise (Page 25)

ACROSS

- 1 Stop sign (gin spots)
- Operator (a trooper)
- 10 Optician
- 11 Passe (PASSEnger)
- 14 Swat (Twas)
- 15 Hell's bells ([underworld's] + [carillon])
- 16 Windbags ([breeze] + [balloons])
- 17 Floral (for all)
- 20 People (Pope Leo, minus O [nothing])
- 23 Serpents (presents)
- 24 Strategist (get + straits)
- 28 Shed
- 29 Waist (Was it)
- 30 Heavenly
- 31 Interest (in street)
- 32 Sleepers (peerless)

DOWN

- 2 Typewrite (Witty peer)
- 3 Painted up 4 Irish lace
- 5 Nonplus
- 6 Heaps
- False (A self) 8 Novel
- 12 Abel (able)
- 13 Slur
- 17 First mate (fit master)
- 18 Oversleep ([finished] + [nap])
- 19 Art Dealer (real trade) 21 Okra (coOK RAw)
- Lots
- 23 Slights (light + S.S.)
- 25 Twine (T + wine)
- 26 Aimed (I made)
- 27 Ether (three)

Ein Deutsches Rätsel (Page 26)

- A couple have a son
- He lives in an apartment.
- The apartment is in Berlin
- A big city is Berlin.
- This city is in Germany
- The son has a wife
- She lives also in Berlin.
- This couple have a dog.
- The dog is very big.
- This animal bites only mailmen.
- 11. The son is a mailman.

Alterations (Page 29)

- ROBE
 - SHOE or HOSE
- VEIL
- 4. SLIP
- 5. CAPE
- BOOTS
- **SMOCK** T-SHIRT
- BRIEFS
- DIAPER **DRAWERS** 11.
- SLIPPER 12.
- MITTENS 13.
- RAINCOAT 14.
- CARDIGAN 15.
- 16. TROUSERS

Double Cross (Page 35)

- **OWNERSHIP**
- **NURSEMAIDS AMPHIBIOUS**
- SHOPPERS
- HAWTHORNE
- TOTTERED
- HOTSHOTS G
- **EYEWASH**
- PHFW REPLATE
- **IMMORTAL**
- **VALUELESS**
- **AMBULATORY**
- N. THATCH
- 0 **EFFECTUATE**
- P DETEST
- **INFAMOUS**
- R. NIMBLEST
- S **IMPASSABLE**
- **NIGHTINGALE**
- **GHOSTLEY**
- RECHERCHE
- W **OTHER**
- **ORCHESTRATE**
- **MERRRYMAKERS** O(gden) Nash, The Private Dining

Room: ("The Hamster")

There is not much about the hamster To stimulate the epigramster The essence of his simple story,

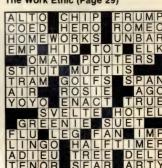
He populates the laboratory. Then leaves his offspring in the lurch,

Martyrs to medical research. Was he as bright as people am,

New York would be New Hamsterdam.

You're the Umpire! (Page 27)

The Work Ethic (Page 29)



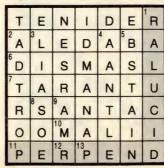
Water Works (Page 27)

- 1. Watertight
- Watering hole
- 3 Watercolor
 - You can lead a horse to water . . .
- Tall drink of water
- Water over the dam
- Waterlogged
- Blood is thicker than water
- Water moccasin
- 10. Fire water

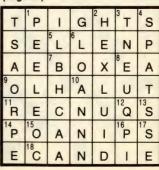
- 11. Bread and water
- 12. Waterloo 13. In hot water or deep water
- 14 Above water
- 15. On the Waterfront
- 16. Watergate
- 17. Watermark 18. Watermelon
- 19 **Ethel Waters** Waterford

- Dszquphsbnt! (Page 34) 1. A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS The big problem of television program directors is how to fit seventeen oneminute commercials into a fifteen-min-
- ute show 2. DRIVERS, TAKE NOTE The three most famous highways in the world are the primrose path, the straight and nar-
- row, and the road to ruin. 3. THE RUNG WAY Climbing to the top of the ladder is fine until you find out it has been leaning against the wrong
- wall 4. AS THE WIND BLOWS Because wind power is free of pollution and can be economical, experimenters are using modern windmills to generate electricity.
- 5. ROLLING IN THE AISLES He who believes the Rolls-Royce is the world's most expensive vehicle has not been pushing carts in supermarkets recently.
- 6. TRUE LEARNING Psychologist B.F. Skinner has said that education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten.
- PROBLEM SOLVING The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year. John Foster Dulles.
- 8. ORIENTAL COMPUTER? The Japanese soroban or abacus is divided into two sections. The top part is called heaven and the bottom section is called earth.

RightAngles #1-90° in the Shade RightAngles #2-Square Meal (Page 37)



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Turn of Phrase (Page 31)

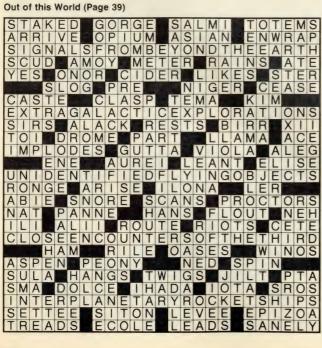


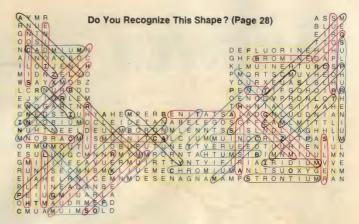
Consecutive Noncontinuous Connection (Pages 32, 33)



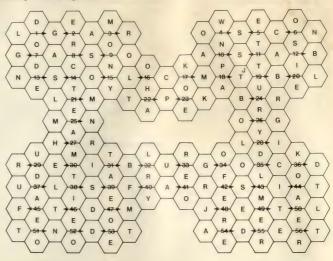
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Out of this World (Page 39)





Honeycomb (Page 30)



The Pinwheel Maze (Page 36)

This is the shortest route from circle to circle:



Answers to the Bally Pinball Contest, March/April GAMES, page 32h:

- Fireball
- Circus or Big Show C)
- A) Night Rider B) Captain Fantastic
- D) Capersville
- Wizard
- Flicker Surfers Champ
- Air Aces 3. Ballyhoo, 1931 or 1932

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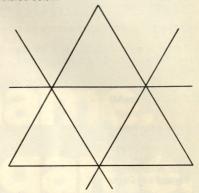
Tony Niedert Omaha, NB

EUREKA

EUREKA will appear from time to time in fitting red ognition of those venturesome spirits who, never settling for a ready answer, have fought their way to a better, more elegant, or more complete solution than one previously given in the Answer Drawer.

★ Lewis Carroll's Word ... Game (July/August, page 23). Donald Kendrick of Lynnwood, WA, has found a shorter solution to Donald Knuth's STAR to wars laddergram. Knuth's solution went STAR-SEAR-SEAS-TEAS-TENS-TANS-TARS-WARS. Kendrick's solution goes STAR-SOAR-BOAR-BOAS-BAAS-BARS-WARS. BAAS, incidentally, is the plural form of BAA, the cry of sheep.

★Foul Play (March/April, page 56). Mark A. Cavazos of Houston, TX, has found another solution to the problem of forming six matches of identical length into four equilateral triangles. He has placed them on a plane rather than in three-dimensional space, as pictured below:



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9-7=2)× 10 = (20) 10 ÷ 5 = (20 ÷ 5 = 4) 4 + 3 = 7

another solution $9 \div 3 = 3$ -5 = 2 -5 = 0

Always circle remainder so you know that all 5 numbers have been used only once.

Solve these KRYPTO problems with as many solutions as you

1. 6, 4, 3, 1, 9 = Common object number 5 2. 11, 22, 19, 6, 3 = Common object number 14 3. 25, 1, 17, 9, 6 = Common object number 12



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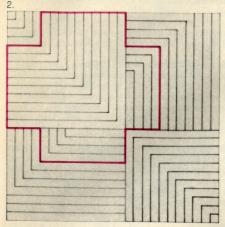
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Beguilers (Page 14)

1. c. Space seems to disappear toward the tip of the triangle, making the dot appear well above the midway point. Alas, things are not always as they appear, and a ruler will prove that the dot is indeed at the midway point.



- 3. The nail is the longest, and the match is the short
- 4. It all depends on how you look at it. There are 8 cubes with black tops, and 7 with beige bottoms. 5. GAMES!

Logic Puzzles (Page 54)

Riley Service Stations

North: Shell, Arch Tanner East: Texaco, Bernie Bishop South: Gulf, Mitch Wilson West: Exxon, Pluto Gainor

Find the Joker

The Joker is #3

Speaking of Magazines

Floo	or Family	Magazines
1	Donovans	Tobacco Spitter, Potato Sack
		Racer, and Shuffleboarder
2	Judsons	Snipe Hunter, Hopscotch Advo-
		cate, and Potato Sack Racer
3	Engels	Tic Tac Toe, Yo-Yo Fancier, and
		Potato Sack Racer
4	Falks	Hula Hoopist, Snipe Hunter, and
		Telephone Booth Stuffer
5	Clarks	Hula Hoopist, Tobacco Spitter,
		and Hopscotch Advocate
6	Ibsens	Tic Tac Toe, Hopscotch Advo-
		cate, and Telephone Booth Stuf
-		fer
7	Altmans	Yo-Yo Fancier, Snipe Hunter,
•	0 "	and Shuffleboarder
8	Gardiners	Yo-Yo Fancier, Telephone Boot
_	11	Stuffer, and Pie Eater
9	Hansens	Hula Hoopist, Shuffleboarder,
10	Deale	and Pie Eater
10	Becks	Tic Tac Toe, Tobacco Spitter, and Pie Eater
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Eyeball Benders (Page 52)

- 1. Jar of peanut butter
- Hamburger relish Baseball glove 3
- Cigarette
- Clay flower pot
- Piano keys
- Hot air balloon Social Security card
- Bowling ball
- 10 Pencil
- Light bulb filament 11.
- Bicycle spokes
- 13. Cup of coffee

Chess Problems (Page 46)

For algebraic notation, see below.

A. White moves his knight to the square in front of the White pawn on the adjacent file. If Black takes the knight with his pawn, White will move his queen four squares forward, checking the Black king and mating on the next move. If instead Black moves his queen away from the attack by the knight to a safe square, White will immediately mate the Black king by moving his knight to the right. Finally, if Black moves his bishop back one square to create a shield behind which his king can move, White will simply take the Black queen with his knight, winning easily

B. White moves his knight two squares forward on the adjacent file to the right and attacks Black's queen! If Black plays pawn takes knight, White will simply capture the bishop with his queen and an equal trade will have taken place (White could also play pawn takes pawn, discovered check, before taking the bishop). If Black instead plays bishop takes queen (a blunder), White will play knight takes queen, giving check, followed by knight takes rook. White begins with rook takes pawn, check! If king takes rook, White's queen takes the pawn nearest

the Black king with the threats of (1) queen two squares to the left and mate, and (2) checking the king with his other rook, also leading to a quick mate. Black has no effective way to meet both these threats. If Black does not take the rook initially, but instead moves his king one square forward (moving backwards would also be bad, allowing White to play queen takes pawn with check), White will first move his rook one square backwards, checking the Black king. After the king retreats to its original square, White will play queen takes pawn with mate.

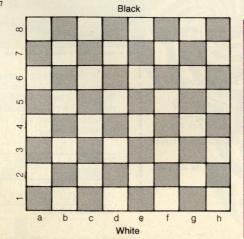
Algebraic notation

(Capital letters and symbols refer to the pieces and operations listed below; lower-case letters and numbers refer to the grid system marked on the board

- "-" means "moves to"
- "x" means "captures at"
- "+" means "check"
- K-King
- Q-Queen
- R-Rook
- B-Bishop

(Absence of piece abbreviation indicates Pawn move.)

- A. 1. Nc4-d6, and now: (i) if 1. . . . e7xd6, 2. Qe4-. Q any, 2. Nd6-f7 Mate. (iii) if 1. . . . e8+; (ii) if 1.. Bh6-g7, 2. Nd6xb7.
- B. 1. Nc3-d5, and now: (i) if 1. . . . e6xd5, 2. Qd2xb4 (also possible is the interpolation e4xd5+); (ii) if 1. Bd4xd2?, 2. Nd5xc7+ (followed by Nc7xa8).
- 1. Ra1xa7+, and now: (i) if 1. ... Kb7xa7, 2. Qf3xc6 with the double threat of 3. Qc6-a6 Mate and 3. Rf1-a1, Qd8-a5; Ra1xa5 Mate. (ii) if 1. . . . Kb7-b6, Ra7-a6+,Kb6-b7, 3. Qf3xc6 Mate. (iii) if 1. Kb7-c8, 2. Qf3xc6+, Qd8-c7, 3. Qc6xc7 Mate.



Letters (Page 6) Spiteful #13

Arkansas

Backgammon (Page 50)

a) Q-Y UY2. There is no roll that forces Red to leave a shot at his next turn so you must do all you can to maintain your defensive position. By rejecting the prime you keep an outer man in reserve so as to stall for an extra turn or two before having to wreck your inner board or run out with a back man.

b) KO'R. By hitting you give Red fewer return shots as he must use one of his dice to enter from the bar. c) ORS. By ignoring Red's blot you should easily win the race. If you hit, you do delay Red, but you give him a chance to hit you back, and this could result in

d) WY'Z. If you place Red on the bar, he will need 25 pips instead of 24 pips to get all the way around and off-and in this close race one pip could make the

vital difference!

e) Do not redouble. The race is too close to call. It appears that each side can bear off all remaining men in five turns-but there is the chance that White may leave a blot and Red may hit it.

Postmaster's Nightmare (Page 23)

- Smoke blows left-to-right, flag blows right-to-left.
- 2. Columbus discovers new world in 1492 with telescope, but the telescope wasn't invented until 17th
- 3. Ears are on backwards!
- Outrigger canoe shown in full sail but there is no one in it to guide it.



Corrected issue: 1940

- 5. Robert Schumann's portrait with music by Franz Schubert.
- 6. Seven horses with a total of four legs.
- 7. Name of book is wrong. (Discours de la Méthode).
- Not enough legs for two camels
- FDR has six fingers on left hand.
- "One and half anna" is just plain bad English for "one and a half annas."
- 11. Columbus in sight of land (1¢ denomination) is clean-shaven but grows beard by the time he lands (2¢ denomination)
- 12. Pre-jet airplane is doing rather well without propellers.

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